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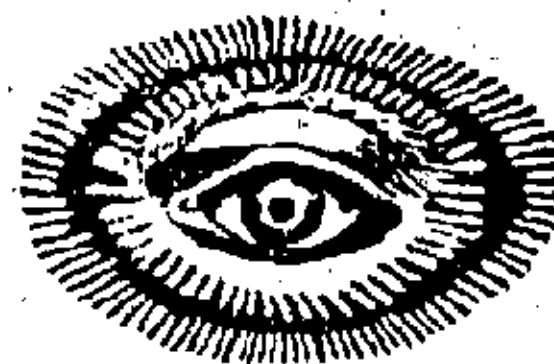
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PROTEST AT CHINESE EMBASSY

RUSSIA'S THREAT

REPORT OF MANCHURIAN MEN CONCENTRATING

'TIMES' SCOFFS IDEA OF WAR

Moscow, Yesterday.
The Commissariat of Foreign Affairs announces that the Chinese Charge d'Affaires at Moscow has intimated to M. Karakhan (Vice-Commissar of Foreign Affairs and one time Ambassador to China) that the translation of the Soviet ultimatum into Chinese was only completed for despatch yesterday afternoon.

In the meantime, the Chinese Embassy in Moscow is strongly guarded by Police, in view of a demonstration outside and meetings of Russians protesting against the seizure by China of the Chinese Eastern Railway.—Reuter.

Armoured Cars on Duty
Shanghai, To-day.
A reliable report from Mukden states that the Chinese military



Mr. L. M. Karakhan

authorities have ordered a brigade of Kirin (Manchurian) troops and a brigade of Heilungkiang (also Manchurian) troops to the eastern and western sections of the Chinese Eastern Railway, respectively, as a precaution against any possible Russian invasion. In addition, six armoured cars have been placed in service, patrolling the section between Harbin and Manchuli.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

A London View

London, Yesterday.
The "Times," in a leader on the Soviet ultimatum to China, examines the situation and expresses the opinion that the Soviet Government may be legally right but is morally in the wrong. The "Times" thinks that it is highly improbable that Russia will risk a serious campaign in Manchuria at present, on economic, financial or nationally sentimental grounds; and that campaigning in China will certainly be the worst propaganda in Britain for the resumption of diplomatic relations between Britain and the Soviet.—Reuter.

Consuls' Hint

Shanghai, Yesterday.
According to reports from Harbin, the Consular Corps there have jointly suggested to the local Chinese authorities to settle early the dispute with Russia on the Chinese Eastern Railway issue, expressing a fear that further complications may lead to international misunderstanding.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

China's Leaders

Shanghai, To-day.
The leaders of the National Government, including Chiang Kai-shek, Hu Han-min, Sun Fo and Tai Chiao-tai, held an important conference last evening, to discuss measures to be taken in dealing with the Soviet Government in regard to the grave situation following the Chinese Eastern Railway trouble.

As the result of the conference, instructions have been given to the Chinese Government in Manchuria to keep sufficient military forces in readiness against any possible disturbance at the Russo-Manchurian border. Meanwhile a special telegraphic message has been dispatched to Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, now at Tsingtao, ordering him to return to Nanking as soon as possible.

The Government will take every possible diplomatic measure to avert a grave situation and will not resort to belligerent action against Russia. It is believed that the controversy over the management of the Chinese Eastern Railway will be peacefully

STRANDED SHIP

MASTER'S VIEWS ON SALVAGE OPERATIONS

"TILBOET" FEAT RECALLED

From enquiries made at the offices of the agents of the s.s. "Lok Sun" which now lies stranded off Samun Island, the fact was revealed that the salvage party made another trip to the distressed vessel yesterday afternoon. They had up to this morning not returned and pending their report, nothing can be known.

A "China Mail" representative, in conversation with master marines, learned that the "Lok Sun" is badly wedged in between rocks, and added to this is the fact that she is badly holed in the aft, and the rock which did the damage has penetrated deeply into the hold, thus preventing the vessel being washed forward or backward.

It was also stated that the "Lok Sun" is in almost the same position as the J.C.L. line, "Tilboet" about two years ago. It will be remembered that she ran on the rocks off Waglan, and was so badly holed and wedged in that it was ultimately found necessary to cut her in halves. Her better half—the bow—was eventually brought back to the harbour under her own steam and partly assisted by tugs. A new stern was later built by the Tai-koo Dock.

Although the opinion was expressed that the "Lok Sun" is in this peculiar position, the doubt is held as to whether the charterers or owners would go to such expense, or whether the vessel is worth the expenditure, for it must be borne in mind that she is entirely a different class of vessel from the "Tilboet."

MR. MAZE COMING?

Inspector-General, Chinese Customs

Hong Kong, To-day.
According to a dispatch received here by a Chinese daily from Shanghai, Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance, is sending Mr. F. W. Maze, the Inspector-General of Chinese Maritime Customs, to Hong Kong, on official business.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

The reply given to the "China Mail" inquiry by the Commissioner, Chinese Maritime Customs, Kowloon (and district), York-building, Hong Kong, is:—"I have no information."

KOWLOON TRAGEDY

17-YEAR-OLD WIFE NOT TO BE CHARGED

HUSBAND REMANDED

The young Chinese woman who was arrested on Sunday near the Kowloon Water Works in connection with the ghastly murder of an Indian constable in a disused quarry between Austin and Jordan roads, Kowloon on Thursday last, the "China Mail" now learns on good authority, will not be charged with murder.

Her husband, Lam Ling (30) was yesterday charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Police Court and remanded for a week. The woman was merely detained for inquiries.

It is now learned that following her examination yesterday, she is not being charged. She is a woman of only 17 years of age.

settled.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Chiang Kai-shek Talks

Shanghai, To-day.

At a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Nationalist Party, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek spoke on the friendly diplomatic policy adopted by the Chinese Government towards all the Powers. He said that China's aspiration for the abolition of unequal treaties would be sympathetically met by the Powers if the Central Government of China were strong and national construction carried out without further interruption.

As to the problem of the Chinese Eastern Railway, the Chinese Government regards Russia's ultimatum as merely a threat and will adopt a conciliatory policy towards Russia.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service. [Earlier reports on page 7.]

EFFECT OF RAIN IN LAST 6 DAYS

YESTERDAY'S GAIN

BIGGEST RESERVOIR IN ISLAND "COMES OFF BEST"

COLONY'S WATER POSITION

Glad tidings which, however, proved to be premature, were distributed by a vernacular paper yesterday to the effect that water would be available for twelve hours a day, in Hong Kong Island, through the street fountains, as from tomorrow.

In view of the mistake made, it is necessary to emphasise that the almost continuous rain of the last six days—and the weather has now cleared—has resulted in a gain to the reservoirs of only 263½ million gallons. This brings the total in storage to 378 million gallons—not counting 10 or 12 million gallons in "service" reservoirs—as against the maximum capacity of over 2,000 million gallons!

The addition impounded in the 24 hours ended at 7 a.m. to-day is 37 million gallons in Hong Kong and 10 million gallons in Kowloon. Kowloon's storage now totals 214 million gallons.

Less Than an Inch
In no reservoir area yesterday and last night did the rainfall amount to an inch. In Kowloon it varied between ¼ inch and ½ inch. In Hong Kong, the returns are (24 hours up to 7 a.m. to-day):

Reservoir	Inch.
Ty-tamuk	8.4
Ty-tamuk	1.7
Wong-nei-chong	4.4
Pokfulam	3.7

It will be seen that Ty-tamuk, the biggest reservoir of the Island, which is more than 80 feet below overflow, received least benefit yesterday. But other statistics show that this place of importance "came off best" during the six days, for which the rainfall returns are:—

Reservoir	Rainfall (in inches last 6 days)
Ty-tamuk	8.71
Ty-tamuk	11.05
Wong-nei-chong	10.68
Pokfulam	6.70

Some time prior to the beginning of the last rains, it was officially announced that 30 inches were needed to relieve the acute shortage. The figures quoted above tell why relaxations are not being made yet.

WATER WASTERS

Take Advantage of the Rain

At the Second Police Court this morning several Chinese were charged with wasting water.

An Indian constable, giving evidence against a coolie, said that at 120 p.m. yesterday while on duty at one of the tanks on the Praya, he saw the latter fill two buckets with water, and then carry them away without closing the taps. Accused had walked six paces before he was stopped by witness. The constable added that there were no other people wishing to draw water at the time.

Accused said that he had left the taps running, because some other person wished to draw water. This story was disbelieved and a fine of \$10 or 14 days' jail was imposed.

In A Bad Temper
A Chinese woman, accused of wanton waste, was described by Inspector Moss to have been in a bad temper when she drew some water. She filled a bucket, and then threw the water away. A fine of \$10 or 14 days' imprisonment, was imposed.

"Plenty of Rain"
"It did not matter, as we had plenty of rain," was the impertinent reply of a coolie to an Indian constable when his attention was drawn to the manner in which he was wasting water!

Accused was alleged to, have opened two taps, and while filling a bucket from one, he was washing his feet from the other. A fine of \$10 or 14 days' was imposed.

Mr. J. W. Clark, whose death occurred recently, was admitted into the General Hospital, Penang, suffering from acute appendicitis followed by complications. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Baker in her loss. The Penang Cricket Club flag was at half-mast and all tennis matches arranged for the day were postponed.

Water Reflections

RESULTS OF OFFICIALS' INCOMPETENCE

A rather poignant passage in the history of Hong Kong waterworks, with a bearing on the alleged incompetence of officials (of the day) appears in Eitel's "History of Hong Kong," in the chapter on the administration of Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell, 1866 to 1872.

The administration was crippled in respect of funds and could not, therefore, do much in the sphere of public works; but Sir Richard displayed his energy and readiness of resource and did what was possible under the circumstances. The funds, it may be noted, had been overstrained by the Military Contribution; waterworks constituted only one of several pressing problems.

Colony's Heavy Loss
During 1869, the Governor spent nearly half of roughly £40,000 (the total for public works) on waterworks. On Sept. 17, 1869 he stated that a further sum of £19,500 was

THIRD TEST MATCH

South Africa in Danger of Losing

South Africa are in danger of losing the Third Test Match at Leeds, in which the third and last day's play will be seen to-day.

With only three wickets left in the 2nd innings, South Africa are only 24 runs ahead of England. Details will be found on page 9 and the result in to-morrow's "China Mail" for certain.

required for the extension of the Pokfulam reservoir and for repairs of the dam, but that the work was only half completed. He explained that whereas the original estimate of the work was \$100,000, it would now cost double.

"The history of these waterworks showed how heavily the Colony may lose by the incompetence of its employees and how seldom the most obvious deficiencies of such persons can restrain them from projecting schemes beyond their strength," said Eitel.

"For these reasons, Sir Richard had obtained from England the services of a specially competent engineer (T. Kydd) who acted as Superintendent of Waterworks."

[More "Reflections" To-morrow]

To-day's rainfall 0.21 inch

1929 rainfall .24.64 inches

Average44.89 inches

Deficit20.25 inches

DON'T WASTE WATER!

FRENCH AIRMEN

ARRIVE AT SHANGHAI YESTERDAY

GOING TO TOKYO

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The French airmen, Arrachart and Rignot, who left Paris some weeks ago, arrived at Canton at 2.25 this afternoon and were enthusiastically welcomed.—Reuter.

CANTON'S ARMY

Canton, Yesterday.
Canton military authorities are to begin their programme of disbanding all superfluous troops on August 1. In the meantime, the Government is to raise funds to pay them off.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

EUROPEAN SKIPPER, FINED

Capt. A. Person, master of the s.s. "Ulrikka" was fined \$15 this morning at the Marine Court, by the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., for anchoring his craft in the cable reserve area.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 3/16.

AERO EXHIBITION AT OLYMPIA

OPENING TO-DAY

REMARKABLE EXHIBITS

"MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND VALUABLE EVER STAGED"

London, Yesterday.

Though the Air Ministry experts are busy examining the British entries to the International Aero Exhibition (which the Prince of Wales will open at Olympia, London, to-morrow) with a view to preventing the disclosure of Air Force secrets, the show will be the most comprehensive and most valuable ever staged. The Air Ministry's own stands are among the most attractive of the exhibition, its models representing the whole history of aviation.

The remarkable diversity in the size of the machines is one of the indications of the progress made in flying. For instance, among the 16 secret machines are a small Vickers' intercepter, fighter, which it is rumoured is capable of flying at 350 miles an hour and the "Parnell Peto," a seaplane, capable of being stowed in a submarine.

On the contrary only the cabin is shown of the new Handley Page liner "Gigantic" for the Imperial Airways' Africa to India Air Route. The cabin occupies the whole bay of the Olympia, where it is impossible to accommodate the machine itself with its wing spread of 130 feet.

The German exhibits include a model of the giant three decker, "Dox."

But dominating the exhibition is the Fairey Napier monoplane, which flew non-stop to India.—Reuter.

"CITY OF OTTAWA"

AIR MINISTRY'S FINDING IN DISASTER INQUIRY

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS

London, Yesterday.

The Air Ministry's report on the disaster to the "City of Ottawa" confirms its technical cause and says the accident was unavoidable and "likely to be very real." The pilot was blameless.

The report finds the passengers were not properly instructed how to use the lifebelts, but there is no evidence that the deaths are to be attributed to that. It is recommended that such instruction should always be given and that machines not designed to alight in water or not possessing such reserve power to enable them to maintain their height, if one engine fails should only start to cross the Channel at such a height as to make the reaching of land on the other side a reasonable certainty.

From July 1, 1930 none should be used to convey passengers from Great Britain.—Reuter.

[The "City of Ottawa," one of Imperial Airways' planes, collapsed in the English Channel in June, causing the loss of several lives.

REPARATIONS

WHAT THE GERMANS ARE NOW ASKING

THE COMING CONFERENCE

London, Yesterday.

Mr. A. Henderson informed the House of Commons that no decision has yet been reached as to where the Reparations Conference, which is to be held in August, will take place.

Replying to questions, he said the German Government had indicated their intention of submitting to the Conference the question of the restoration to Germany of the Saar Basin. That, however, was quite distinct from the two main problems with which the Conference would be called upon to move, namely, reparations and the evacuation of the Rhineland.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. MAJOR-GENERAL

PROMOTION FOR COL. S. D. BUTLER

HEAD OF THE MARINES

Washington, Yesterday.

The famous Marine Corps officer Colonel S. D. Butler has been promoted Major-General by President Hoover.

Col. Butler, who is ex-Chief of Police of Philadelphia, was in charge of the American Naval Marine detachment during the Boxer rising at Tientsin, where the Hoovers were then living.—Reuter's American Service.

GOODS SUPPLIED

"INTRODUCER" NOT LIABLE FOR DEBT

CHINESE LITIGATION

In the Summary Court to-day the Nam Cheong Tai firm, No. 49, Spring Garden-lane, sued the Tung Lok firm, No. 178, Wanchai-road, for the sum of \$28.11 for goods sold and delivered.

The manager of the plaintiff firm, who conducted his own case, said that in March, 1928, he received a paper bearing the Tung Lok firm's chop instructing him to supply two bags of rice and two cetties of oil to the Fook Chung firm, who had a matched on the Praya East Reclamation. The matched was pulled down some time last year, and he did not know where the firm now was. He had had other dealings with the Fook Chung after the Tung Lok's introduction and those accounts had not been settled.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jun., for the defence, in reply to the Court, said he did not want to say anything.

His Lordship gave judgment for the defendants with costs, saying that it was quite clear that the goods were supplied to the Fook Chung firm and that the defendants had only acted in the capacity of introducers. Case dismissed.

SHIPPING DISPUTE

VISCOUNT ST. DAVIDS SPEAKS OUT

London, Yesterday.

A remarkable circular has been issued by Viscount St. Davids, trustee for the first and second debenture holders in the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, indicating an disagreement with Baron Kysant, Chairman of the Company.

The Company's stock, it is estimated, have dwindled \$3,300,000 in value since the beginning of June. They were particularly weak yesterday.

Lord St. Davids, in his circular, states that the first intimation he had of the issue of the second debentures

SHANGHAI LAWN BOWLERS

To Leave for Hong Kong in September

The invitation to send six players to Hong Kong for inter-port matches has been accepted by the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Association, it was announced in Shanghai on July 9.

The team will sail from Shanghai about the end of September and will play in the important series in the Colony the first week of October. Club secretaries are requested to post a list calling for players who are able to make the trip south if selected.

THE KING'S HEALTH

CONDITION AFTER OPERATION SATISFACTORY

THE BULLETIN

London, Yesterday.

The operation on the King was performed to-day, and is understood to have been successful. A bulletin signed by five doctors says that portions of two ribs were removed in order that a circumscribed abscess, 1½ inches across, should be quickly drained and treated.

His Majesty's condition is satisfactory.

Entirely Satisfactory

An official statement says that His Majesty's progress is entirely satisfactory.—Reuter.

More Serious Than Indicated
Although the operation carried out was of a bigger nature than would seem to have been indicated in the bulletin issued on Saturday, it was very different from that of last December when the King's whole system was poisoned.

It is confidently expected that his greatly improved general health will enable him speedily to overcome the after-effects of to-day's operation.

Sir Hugh Rigby and Professor Wilfred Trotter were the surgeons actually responsible for the operation, which it is strongly hoped will prepare for complete recovery.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and the Duke of Gloucester were in Buckingham Palace while the operation was being performed in the King's bedroom. They left after hearing of its successful completion.—British Wireless Service.

It is understood that H.E. the Straits High Commissioner, Sir Hugh Clifford, will present the Certificate of Honour, and insignia, to Towkay Loong Sin Nam at the British Residency, Ipoh.

CYRIL TOLLEY GETS £1,000!

CHOCOLATE LIBEL

SAID REPUTATION SUFFERED BY ADVERTISEMENT

MESSRS. FRY'S CADDY'S VERSE

London, Yesterday.

A jury in the King's Bench division has awarded Mr. Cyril J. H. Tolley (holder of the amateur golf championship, which he won this year and once before) £1,000 damages in an action for libel against Messrs. J. S. Fry & Sons, the chocolate manufacturers, in respect of an advertisement showing a picture of Mr. Tolley playing a stroke, with a packet of Fry's chocolate protruding from the pocket of a pullover, and his caddy looking on.

Beneath the picture were verses representing the caddy saying, inter alia,

"My word! How it flies,
"Take a cartel of Fry's,
"They're handy, they're good
and priced low."

Counsel for Mr. Tolley (plaintiff) said that people would as-



Mr. Tolley, as seen by a cartoonist

sume from the advertisement that Mr. Tolley would get more than a box of chocolates for the use of his name; and thus his amateur status—of which he is very jealous—would be involved.

Messrs. Fry's had expressed regret that offence had been taken, but they declined to pay for the cost of the proceedings. However, they offered to publish a statement in two newspapers that Mr. Tolley had received no remuneration from them.

The advertisement, it is interesting to note, had appeared in 64 papers.

Messrs. Fry's Appeal

Later.
A stay of execution, pending an appeal, has been directed in the Cyril Tolley case.

Counsel for the defence stated that one of the grounds of appeal will be that £1,000 for damages is excessive.—Reuter.

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MUSSOLINI**THE SPREAD OF FASCISM IN EUROPE****"MAN OF NUANCES"**

If our understanding of human character could be formed only by the study of a man's deeds, writes Emil Ludwig in the "Observer", it would of necessity be confined to historical figures; when it is a question of dealing with a living man a living presence enters upon the stage, which reveals just as much as it conceals. The writer who strives to form his judgments sine ira et studio, who prides himself on an unattainable objectivity, is downright afraid to make the acquaintance of the men he is going to portray; but we who do not run away from the impression of personality rather seek it as the most precious and genuine expression of human life, are the more stimulated by such acquaintances, well aware of the effects of a personal influence, which we neither deny nor avoid. A strange prejudice it is, that a writer should consciously set himself against being impressed by the man he desires to understand, instead of yielding to him in so far as he can!

A Changed Mussolini
So it was with mixed feelings that I entered the vast, almost empty room of Mussolini. Following two previous interviews he had granted me, I was struck by the simplified picture of the man presented by most observers who have tried to portray him. The man of iron, the demon's glance, the great actor, Napoleon—thus he had been described to me. I found an entirely different, a much more interesting and complex character.

My friends were disappointed to hear an avowed pacifist speak so favourably of the dangerous Duce; they said that he had misled me and had presented himself to me in just the light he wished to be seen in. I ask, Who does not? And is it not, indeed, one of the problems of a diplomat to impress himself upon every man in just the way he wishes to appear to him? If one really believes that a devoted student of mankind is incapable of seeing through a mask, then these observations are worthless.

The objections of my friends do not alarm me. If one may avow being deeply impressed by certain Russian leaders, without believing that their system is acceptable for Europe, then it must be allowed to an enemy of dictatorships to do justice to a man from whose character important results will follow. What ranged us all against the two attempts to solve the social problem is the same denial of the freedom of thought; but in the case of Italy everything depends upon the man, who is therefore a man of European interest.

Thoughtful Answers

The man I saw seemed to me, first of all, natural, without pose, endowed with a strong feeling for nuances. On a dozen questions which only a man free of prejudices would have allowed a thorough-going enemy of chauvinism to put to him, he replied without the use of any party phrases, not according to hard formulae, but with elastic thought and feeling; and again and again he declared that politics was not a matter of dogmatic theory, but always a human art. He almost never gave the easy answers—the answers to be expected from his political doctrine and his position, the answers that his friends give—but rather he gave the thoughtful answers of a man who knows that everything has two sides and is ready to admit that every form of government has its drawbacks.

Our central question is not the fate of Italy, but the peace of Europe; and, if Fascism seems opposed to peace, seems to endanger it, then let us forget all the advantages that Italy enjoys through Fascism. As to the danger, I might set it down as my personal impression that this man will avoid war—not as a pacifist, which he is not, but for the following four reasons: first, as a dictator who draws his power from within his own country and might easily lose it in the gamble of a war; second as a civilian who would have to rely upon an untried talent for war; third, as a thinker and artist who would rather construct and build up than, through storm and tempest, snatch at some prize of doubtful worth; and fourth, as a man nearly fifty, whose longing for adventure has been satisfied after being exercised on a grand scale.

Feared by Ministers
Although my arguments are the result of direct observation, it seems to me that the tone of his Fascist speeches is not an objection. He knows very well what sort of a speech must be made out of a window and what to address to the individual mind. Nevertheless, we Germans have paid too dearly for the danger of having a master peaceful by nature but forever threatening with words not to be impressed by this danger, although Mussolini's nature constitutes, so to speak, the opposite pole to that of other men.

The danger that a nation, forever goaded on to self-consciousness, may at length force its leaders into a war, Mussolini—so it seems to me—definitely obviates; he feels himself strong enough not to be overpowered in a crisis of national emotion. It is an open question whether his Ministers would exert their influence with the people in the same direction or against their master; for the present, I see only that they fear him.

The second problem which I traced during this interview was the spread of Fascism in Europe. There seems to me to be a distinct contrast between the Italian and Russian methods, which formerly were so much alike. "World revolution" still belongs to the phraseology of the Soviet State, and perhaps not to phraseology alone; in reading certain Roman manifestoes one sees similar dreams in Italy. Such dreams are obviously far from Mussolini's mind. He is striving for no world rulership; he has no desire to export his ideas of Statecraft. He knows very well in what countries his ideas are not to be applied, and, as I understand, has himself op-

posed propaganda there. To be sure, the same activity goes on around him that goes on around Stalin; but Stalin wants to spread his ideas abroad, while Mussolini, on the other hand, is sought after by certain groups in Germany and France. And when a factory works only for the home market and is yet besieged by foreigners to send goods to them, it goes hard with ambition to resist.

Perhaps it is Mussolini's belief that it is better to co-operate with nations which, according to his ideas, are weakened by democracy rather than with such as would be strengthened by going over to Fascism. His belief in his new form of State might bring him to the point of not desiring to see it established anywhere else, but of keeping his discovery to himself.

Mussolini's Policy
This is closely bound up with the personal aims of his dictatorship. It is certain that in the beginning he thought only of saving his country from anarchy and that imperialistic ambitions probably soon floated vaguely before his mind; but the first six years and the second three years ago. To-day he gives the impression of a man, who, to be sure, enjoys power, but less for its own sake than for building with it. For he is essentially a man of order, as appears in his wide programme, which he plans years ahead and has carried out year after year.

"Wait three years more," he said twice, and added: "At present I have set here scarcely seven years; we have just begun."
He is no mere man of theories, and called his policy "a thoroughly human business, a matter of nuances."
Were he a fanatic and not a kind of artist who desires to make something with his own hands, he would be less aware of the dangers of every personal dictatorship or he would deny them more vigorously. However, it is my opinion that for own gifts than in the successes of Fascism and that he has already chosen three or four men who are to carry on the regime after his death; that he recognises the truth or Goethe's saying: "Der Geist ist immer autochthon" (genius is always autochthonous). He seems to regard himself as a great episode which, if it lasts long, must leave behind enduring results; he is like Bismarck who was well aware of the dark side of his dictatorship, but denied it up to the end of his life, when he admitted it and declared his fault had been to give too little power to the people.

For one desirous of discussing questions of dictatorships in this room it is possible to draw examples from Bismarck and Napoleon; for the Duce is able to transpose these historical references, and, as a son of Mediterranean lands, he finds a joy in the masks of a dialogue. I was astonished at the degree of his plain speaking. Moreover, he has thoroughly studied history, and not merely Italian history.

This Italian, who confines his leadership to his own country, is well aware of the manifold existence of Europe, once his glance passes beyond his own borders. He denies emphatically that he ever claimed the supremacy of his race over others, and declares that to each belongs its own. How far he reckons the bounds of Italy I do not know or I might leave it an open question. The dictators in Italian history seem the most interesting to him, and yet the man whose life he urged me to write was that soldier of freedom, Garibaldi.

He holds fast to the power he himself has created, but he desires to establish this twentieth-century dictatorship upon moral political grounds. Capitalism, mounting higher, he said, had cut down the political interest of the people. European interest in Parliamentary speeches had fallen off so much because every one was interested in business and property, and the ablest minds were being devoted to industry and not to Parliament; this development seemed to him most strongly apparent in America. No wonder that he holds a dictatorship, or at most a ministerial council, a need of the times.

Believer in Genius
Yet he would limit his theory in two respects: First, in regard to those lands which have too long been a passive, whereas Italy has spent too long a time in merely finding fault; second, in cases where fortune has brought a highly-endowed leader. If he had the power of Napoleon in 1810 I believe he would not do as Napoleon did, set up vice-regents (so-day party functionaries), or imagine that he could govern all Europe from Rome. Rather he is wont to remark on how difficult government has become in our time, how complicated, how rich in nuances. Mussolini is first of all a man of nuances, not of extremes; in a Parliament he would have suffered the fate of Giolitti. But from Giolitti he is distinguished by a fundamental idea, and that is "mine the power." That gives him strength. I believe that he has treated his own people worse than foreigners, and in that he is right; but beyond these things he is a man of temperament who controls his nerves by hard, relentless work.

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AT GENERAL MEETING

An extraordinary general meeting of Hector Whaling, Limited, of which Sir Karl P. Knudsen is chairman, will be held at Winchester House on June 20, to consider a resolution increasing the capital of the company to £200,000 by the creation of 300,000 additional Ordinary shares of £1 each, ranking for dividend and in all other respects from August 1, 1929, pari passu with the existing Ordinary shares.

In the course of a circular accompanying the notice convening the meeting, it is explained that under the original scheme for the formation of the company it was foreseen that additional capital funds would be required, and it was the intention to obtain these by making a Debenture issue. The carrying out of this plan was delayed on account of the legal action raised in Norway against the associated company, A/S Hektor of Tonsberg, and this forced the directors to finance the expeditions during the 1928-29 season by borrowing on an overdraft. The legal action has now been withdrawn, and the directors believe that the position of the company can be improved if they now proceed with their original scheme, slightly altered in the light of the experience gained during the past season.

Tanker and Whalers
The directors have approved A/S Hektor's having the steamer "Hektor," equipped as a floating factory which is being carried out at present on the Tyne, and of the purchase by that company of a tanker and seven additional whalers. This company has undertaken to advance the necessary funds against additional mortgages, and as a result of the expenditure to be made on these additions and improvements to A/S Hektor's fleet, the catching capacity will be double. The directors, therefore, propose that the funds required be obtained by increasing the share capital and by issuing short-dated 7 per cent. Notes as outlined below.

First.—By the issue of 142,500 shares of £1 each at a premium of 20s. per share. These will be offered to shareholders on the register at June 20 in the proportion of one new share for every two held. (Fractions being ignored). The new shares will not rank for dividends in respect of the financial year ending July 31, 1929, which dividends the directors propose shall be limited to 25 per cent., but will rank pari passu in all respects subsequently.

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These proposals provide for the expenditure outlined above and for adequate working capital. It is added that while the company's financial year does not end until July 31, the catching season for 1928-1929 is ended and the net profit of the company is estimated to exceed 60 per cent. on the present issued capital. Except as mentioned above, it is not intended to issue any further shares at the present time.

In view of the information available as to the results of the season, the board have declared an interim dividend of 12½ per cent.

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IMPROVEMENT IN REPAIRING
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STEADY OUTPUT

Clyde shipbuilders have already launched a fair amount of tonnage since the beginning of the present month, and as the annual holiday period is now within sight, it is probable that there will be a steady output from the yards during the next few weeks, says the Glasgow correspondent of "Journal of Commerce."

While the output thus continues good, there is little improvement to report in the placing of new orders, but some people are looking forward to better conditions immediately after the holiday period. Costs of material in shipbuilding, however, have still a firm tendency to advance on the recent advance in steel prices, the makers of Scottish pig-iron intimating a recent increase in their prices for foundry qualities to the extent of 2s. 6d. per ton. The new minimum selling price for No. 3 quality is now 74s. 6d. per ton at the furnaces. Basic iron has also been advanced by 1s. per ton, making the minimum price 75s. 6d. per ton.

Considerable interest has been aroused as to the destination of the contracts for three additional "steamers" which it is understood Messrs. MacBrayne require to complete the group of five they undertook to build for their services to the Western Isles. It is understood that the orders for these vessels have been placed, but the names of the builders have not been disclosed. The first vessel of the five was launched by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, and the second vessel of the same type, the "Hogarth," was launched by Henry Robb, Ltd., of Leith, is now well advanced towards the launching stage.

Steamers for India
The passenger steamer "Irwin," which Messrs. D. and W. Henderson, Ltd., launched recently, is the first of two similar vessels the firm have on hand for the South Indian Railway Company. The orders for both vessels were placed in November last, about the same time as Messrs. Henderson received an order for two 6,000-ton cargo steamers for Messrs. Hogarth and Co. Of both pairs of ships one of each has now been launched, the first of the Hogarth steamers being the "Baron Vernon."

The railway steamer "Irwin" and its sister ship, which will be launched shortly, are a superior type, with every precaution taken to keep them under observation, as the vessel had come from the same district as the vessel in which plague-infected rats were recently found on arrival at Hull.

PASSENGER LIST

ARRIVALS

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DEPARTURES

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RATS AND PLAGUE

On the arrival of a foreign steamer at Sunderland from Rosario, via London, more than 300 rats were trapped and killed, and tests for plague were made. Though none of the rats were reported to be ill, every precaution was taken to keep them under observation, as the vessel had come from the same district as the vessel in which plague-infected rats were recently found on arrival at Hull.

SCHIEDT COLLISION

In the inquiry concerning a collision between the Netherlands steamer "Veerdijk" and the British steamer "Glenluce" in the Schiedt estuary during a thick fog, while the "Veerdijk" was at anchor, the Amsterdam Court of Navigation have come to the conclusion that the collision was caused by the "Glenluce" failing to come to anchor in weather which made all navigation extremely dangerous.

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The London steamer "Levnet" arrived at Queenstown recently and reported heavy weather off the south-west coast of Ireland, during which a Norwegian seaman named Hansen was dashed against the ship's fittings and killed.

At the weekly meeting of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board tenders were accepted for pig iron from Messrs. Parson and Crossland, Ltd., and for chain cable and connecting shackles from Messrs. Henderson and Glas.

The steamer "Ralph Budd," en route to Buffalo, went ashore during a gale in Lake Superior and it is feared will become a total loss. The vessel and her cargo of wheat are valued at a million dollars. The crew of 31 were saved.

Shiprepairing is fairly active on the Clyde, and the graving docks have been well occupied recently, especially the privately-owned basins of repairing firms. At Elderslie the Glasgow-owned cargo steamer "Baron Eulens" is being repaired by Messrs. Barclay, Curle & Co. This firm have also a number of contracts in progress, among them being the fittings of a new air-cooling system into the "Modavia," one of the Donaldson Line fleet. The Ellerman City Line "City of Canton" is in for survey repairs, and the Anchor-Donaldson liner "Athenia" for some journey work. Other jobs include damage and voyage repairs to the cargo steamer "Almenara," voyage repairs to the steamer "Sutherland," and "Gartmore" and boiler repairs to the "Garland."

Messrs. Alexander Stephen and Sons are about to start some alteration work in the Anchor liner "Britannia," which will occupy considerable number of their employees for several weeks. New third-class accommodation is to be provided on the vessel, and other alterations made. The firm supplied and fitted a new topmast for the Anchor liner "Cincinnati." At Govan Messrs. Harland and Wolff have still the "Lagarto" in their basin for alterations and repairs, and the drydock of Messrs. D. and W. Henderson at Meadowside is occupied by one of the Harrison Line fleet, the "Dietrich," while the Liverpool steamer "Reburn" is at the firm's repair wharf in the Kelvin.

Messrs. Beardmore and Co. are carrying on machinery alterations on the Glen liner "Glen Macgillivray." On the lower reaches of the river the steamer yacht "Ellen" left the Garvel Dock and her place was taken by the "Denmark," one of the vessels of Messrs. Penhryn's fleet. After a short time in dry dock this vessel has since left for the Bristol Channel.

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A start has been made with the
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Nelson relics will be housed ultimately.
The building is also designed to
house a panoramic view of the
battle of Trafalgar, which has been
painted by Mr. Wylie as a gift to
the new Victory Museum. The new
building will be very close to H.M.S.
"Victory." The first section of the
new museum is expected to be open
to the public during Portsmouth
Navy Week, which extends from
August 17 to 24.

The Board of Trade have appointed
Mr. Andrew Agnew, C.B.E., of the
Shell Transport and Trading Com-
pany, to be a member of the National
Fuel and Power Committee in the
place of Sir John Cairdman, K.C.M.G.,
who has resigned owing to pressure
of other work.

The British Empire Producers' Or-
ganisation recently gave a public
luncheon to the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr,
late Administrator of the Transvaal,
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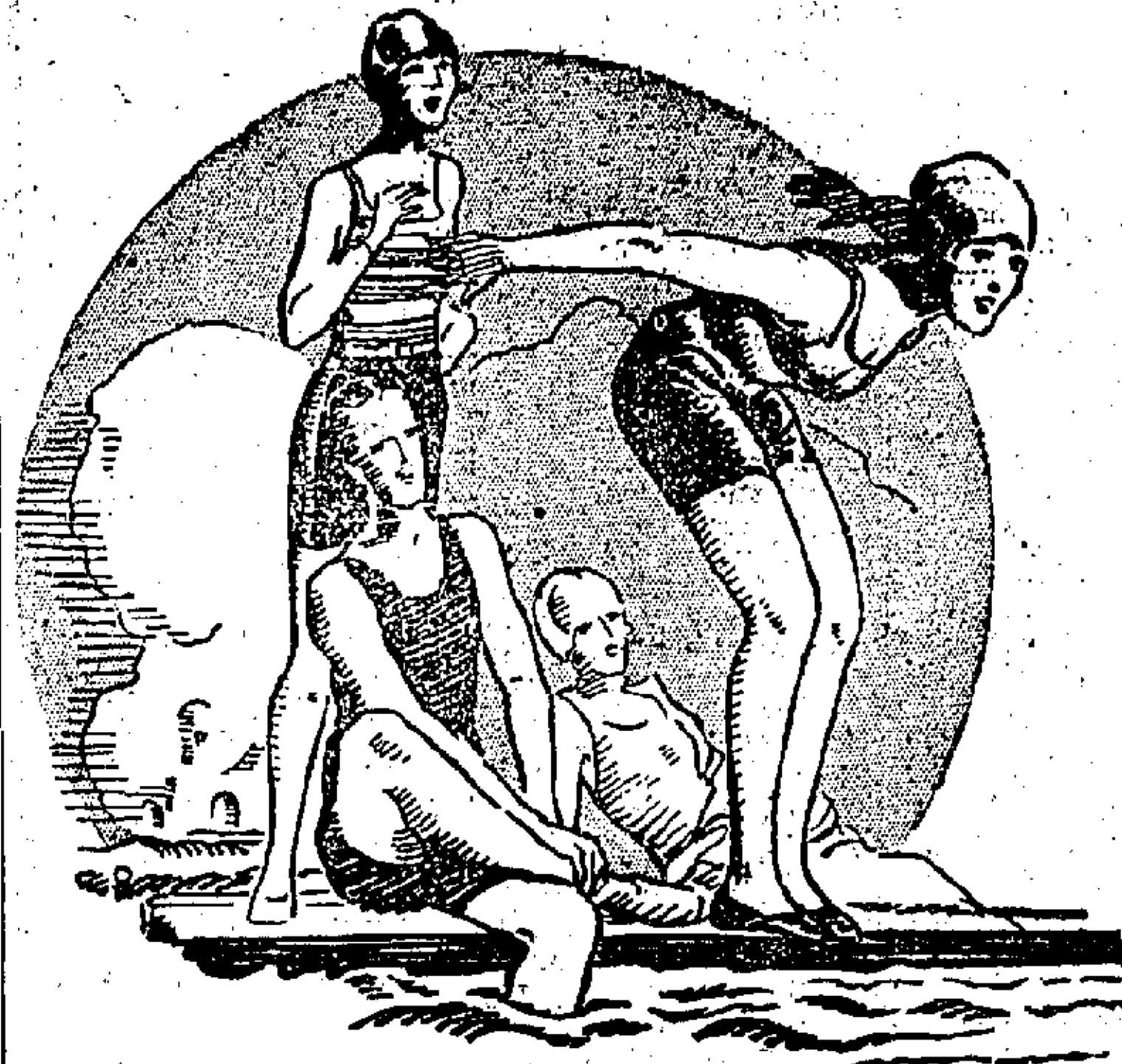
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SPOILING FOR A FIGHT?

Many causes, if only one motive, are behind China's rather hasty action against Russians in Manchuria, which action has now engaged the attention of capitals all over the world. The motive, of course, is to secure control—each side blaming the other in cross-accusations. But the causes concern more than the two parties involved and, by reason of being so, deserved careful study. It will be noticed that the seizure of the Chinese Eastern Railway almost synchronised with the winding-up of the momentous conference at Peking and the sudden departure of the leaders—acting like the Arabs who folded up their tents and stole silently away by night. General Chang Hsueh-liang, Governor of Manchuria, was present at Peking and he spoke with both Marshal Chiang Kai-shek (head of the National Government and Commander-in-Chief) and Dr. C. T. Wang (Secretary for Foreign Affairs). The main point, however, is that Chiang Kai-shek had arrived at an agreement with General Yen Hai-shan regarding the disposition of the "Christian General," Feng Yu-hsiang, in the immediate future.

Those who are more than usually observant will recall that when the Chinese raided the Russian Consulate-General at Harbin, a hint was thrown out that proof

was sought of Feng Yu-hsiang's complicity in Soviet clandestine movements. In other words, when the first blow was struck by the Chinese, Feng Yu-hsiang was thought of. When the next step was taken (that is, the seizure of the Railway), the reduction of Feng Yu-hsiang to being a negligible factor had just been accomplished. So that there is at least one reason for thinking that the National Government of China made sure of its own position first, *vis-a-vis* the "Christian General," who might, should Russia have resorted to war instead of negotiation, have proved a thorn in the side of China.

Japan has taken very close interest in each development. Nippon's interests in Manchuria are wide and, furthermore, the Japanese-owned South Manchuria Railway is just south of the bone of contention, the Chinese Eastern Railway. And it was not so long ago that Dr. Wang and Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa (Japan's Minister to China) arrived at an understanding in regard to issues outstanding between Japan and China. China feels at peace with Japan. And the new Premier, Mr. Y. Hamaguchi, is opposed to previous "positive" policy towards China. All in all, therefore, there are grounds for thinking that China is spoiling for a fight. The opposite is the case, however. The present leaders in China have no desire for hostilities with any foreign nation; but they feel that the moment is opportune to "get back one." They cannot resist the temptation to do so, but, on the other hand, it is futile to say that they are actuated solely by a desire to checkmate "Red" activities in China.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Constant and family, left by the "President Taft" for the United States. Mr. Constant is connected with the Standard Oil Co. of New York.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1254, adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1212, Cheung Sha Wan-road, was sold by public auction at the Crown Lands Office yesterday to Mr. Kong Wong for \$5,916.

For driving a car to the danger of the public at a speed of 35 miles per hour from Nam Tong street to Prince Edward road, Jan Se-chin, was fined \$12 at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday. Defendant had a learner's licence, and Sgt. Scrim said that there was a fully licensed driver beside accused, when the offence was committed.

FROM HONG KONG

PRINCIPAL OF ST. PAUL'S
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U.S. PRESS PROMINENCE

The "South Bend Tribune" of June 10 publishes a photograph of St. Paul's Institution and of Mrs. Y. K. Woo and Miss F. C. Woo.

The letter press reads: Mrs. Y. K. Woo and Miss F. C. Woo, of Hong Kong, are guests of Mrs. F. A. Bryan, 1325 East Jefferson boulevard. The picture taken at the Bryan home shows Mrs. Woo seated with her charming daughter at her side. These residents of Hong Kong are having a delightful visit in America.

They are on their way around the world trip several times. They speak excellent English and are delightful in every way. Mrs. Woo has done much philanthropic work in China. Miss Woo is the principal of St. Paul's Girls' college in Hong Kong, an institution having 600 pupils, most of them Chinese girls who are seeking higher education. A few of the pupils are boys of 12 years of age and under. Miss Woo is a graduate of Oxford, England. Mrs. Woo is the widow of Dr. Woo Yee-kai, who lost his life in the terrible Chinese plague in 1894 and 1895 while administering to the victims of that outbreak. In the picture also is shown the beautiful seven storey building occupied by St. Paul's School. Miss Woo in another column of the "Tribune" tells of the work of the school (which is too well known to "China Mail" readers to require repetition here).

TUNG WAH HOSPITAL

H.E. THE GOVERNOR APPEALS
FOR AID

The following announcement has been sent to the "China Mail" by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital:

The directors of the Tung Wah Hospital have the honour to announce that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., has been graciously pleased to permit the publication of a message to the public in aid of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital Appeal, as set out below.

The directors desire to record once more their keen sense of gratitude to His Excellency for his unflinching interest in, and assistance afforded to, the Institution, and His Excellency's message is another testimony of His Excellency's solicitous concern for the welfare of the Institution.

His Excellency's Messages

"The Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital have issued a public appeal for funds to provide the annual working expense of their branch hospital at the east end of Victoria City, which is approaching completion but cannot be opened for lack of the necessary endowment. The subscriptions for this branch hospital actually received by the Directors to the end of last year totalled \$380,607.40 and the sum received up to date this year is \$17,236.51. These subscriptions will, however, be almost entirely absorbed in the cost of construction and equipment of the new hospital, which provides accommodation for about 120 beds. The estimated annual working expenses will be about \$90,000, which means that even if the Directors are to be satisfied with the task of collecting year by year one half of the annual working expenses, an endowment fund of at least \$600,000 is needed. I earnestly hope that this sum will be raised, for there can be no question that this new institution is badly needed at the eastern end of Victoria City. I, therefore, heartily support the appeal now being made by the Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, and I trust that there will be a generous response not only in Hong Kong but from China and from the Chinese overseas, for the charitable activities of the Tung Wah Hospital extend far beyond the limits of the Colony."

Passengers on the "President Taft" which left to-day included Captain and Mrs. C. W. Saunders, returning to the U.S. from a tour of the Pacific. Captain Saunders is in the steamship business in San Francisco. Mrs. M. Melrose, missionary worker, returning to the U.S. on vacation, accompanied by her two grand-children. Rev. Edward Hughes and Rev. Brother Jordan Warnock O.P. connected with the American Dominican Fathers in Foochow. Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Snuggs, missionary workers from Indo-China travelling to the U.S. They are connected with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The funeral took place yesterday at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, of Mrs. Francisca Maria Lima Yvanovich, who passed away at her residence in Gordon Terrace, Kowloon, at 7.30 a.m. yesterday. The deceased lady, who was a widow, came from a well-known Portuguese family. She is survived by three sons and six daughters. One of her sons, Mr. P. A. Yvanovich, was at one time billiards champion of the Colony. There was a large attendance at the funeral and many floral tributes were sent.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FLOWERS, AND FUNERALS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Sir,—May I be permitted, through the columns of your paper, to pass a few remarks under the above heading. I have no wish to start any controversy, or to hurt the feelings of any bereaved relative of any of our friends who have passed on to the "unknown." The sending of a floral tribute is the last respect we can show to one who has been loved and esteemed; but could not this be done in some better way?

I refer to the sending of flowers to the funeral of a well-known and respected man, or woman, as is done in this Colony. How is it usually done? The office-boy, or servant, is often sent with a few dollars and a card to one of the flower-sellers in Wyndham-street and told to order a wreath, etc., as required. The flower-seller does the rest, and the wreaths are deposited at the Monument at a stated time to await the arrival of the cortege. They are then piled on the hearse one on top of the other until it will hold no more, and the remainder carried on poles to the grave-side all to wither and die in a few hours, and so we feel that we have paid our last respects, and what is due from us to our dear deceased.

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parted. Also the death of a well-known person is made the occasion for the flower-seller's touts to go around accosting people to buy their flowers. One of these approached me at the corner of Pedder-street on Saturday afternoon last with the information that "one European man makes die, you want see flowers?"

This sort of thing to my mind is all wrong, and I think there are many others in the Colony who think likewise. I know the matter has been openly discussed by individuals.

At the funeral of the late Mr. — no less than 147 wreaths were sent by private individuals and families, 35 by various firms and associations, and 13 by Masonic Lodges, making a total of 195, and more, as stated in the columns of the newspapers. Taking this total at an average of \$3 per wreath, we get a sum of \$585 simply thrown away on a few flowers. How much better could this amount be spent by some of the Charitable Societies who are badly in need of funds, and how much more good would be derived from it to the living, at the same time still showing our respect to the dead.

Something of this sort is, I understand, being done in Shanghai. Just how I do not know; but perhaps some one of your readers could enlighten us on this matter? I simply make the suggestion. Cannot some of our leading business men get together and do something? It is only a matter for organisation, and should not be altogether impossible.

Yours, etc.,

FRANK BAYLIS,

Hon. Secretary,

General Charities Organisation.

Hong Kong, July 15.

CURRENCY PROBLEMS

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Sir,—With the advent of rain and the consequent diminution in importance of the water problem, loss in public interest on such matters as motor car taxes, or the efficiency of fire fighting appliances, may I bring to the notice of our legislators a problem of the greatest importance not only to the commercial community but to the Colony as a whole?

I refer to the abnormal state of the currency of Hong Kong due to the high premium of the notes issued by the three Banks operating in the Colony. The premium is common to notes of all denominations but as an example take the case of a \$1 note which promises to pay the bearer on demand \$1 in the currency of the Island. The theoretical sterling value of this coin based on its silver content and on the current price of the metal is hardly 1s. 9d., and in Shanghai, the silver content in the same dollar gives it a value of about 72 candareens, showing an inflation in the value of the local bank note of anything between 12 per cent. and 15 per cent.

This state of affairs has existed for some years, but never to the extent now obtaining, and certainly the burden has never been more keenly felt by the commercial community of Hong Kong.

An important part of the export trade of South China, controlled from Hong Kong, has been diverted to Eastern centres with foreign exchange rates approximating silver parity, and this diversion in turn has further restricted imports, already a diminishing quantity, as the result of the decrease in buying power of the inhabitants of the neighbouring provinces. To the exporter, no less than to the importer because of its repercussive effect, the situation is serious in the extreme, and mortifying to see the little available trade being driven out of the Colony to Shanghai where the foreign buyer need part with a smaller amount of his currency to meet the Chinese seller's demand for any given quantity of commodities, the silver prices of which do not differ materially in North and South China, at least nowhere

near the difference in the Gold value of the Hong Kong note and Mexican dollars which in their bullion value are practically the same tokens. And this, especially the stage, also affects industrial concerns employing a large labour force almost to the extent of putting them out of the competitive market; the business of ship repairing is an excellent example. The local Dock Company, is claimed to be the best technically equipped yard in this part of the world, yet commercially it cannot be compared to its rival of Shanghai which has earned handsome profits all through this period of depression in China. The secret, is, of course, partly in cheaper prices obtaining in Shanghai where the wage bill is not subject to inflation of anything up to 15 per cent., and in the circumstances it is not surprising that work is attracted there.

The causes for the anomaly of a "premium" being superior in value to the "performance" in this issue are undoubtedly many, but the principal cause would appear to be the inadequate supply of bank notes for "trade" purposes; the value of bank notes omitted is returned in millions, but what proportion of these millions is in trade circulation is unknown, nor is the total ascertainable of the huge sum hoarded by the Chinese in South China as a protective measure against the insecure and mercurial paper of their own Banks, and their coin of varying and doubtful values.

This is a wonderful tribute to the note issuing institutions of Hong Kong, but they are possibly not performing fully the service intended by the colonies' authorities authorising their respective note issues in that an important percentage of such notes (larger than most people think) is being utilised to a purpose foreign to facilitation of trade by its permanent withdrawal into the Chinese equivalent of the French peasant's stocking.

This unexpected use of bank notes has kept Hong Kong currency over silver parity, and a position in tatters, originally contracted for trade requirements which did not eventuate and since carried on speculatively, has intensified the difficulty by keeping up or even increasing the premium for bank notes, a natural and normal consequence of weakness in the sterling rate in Shanghai *vis-a-vis* a relatively unmovable rate in Hong Kong. In other words, the premium of Hong Kong notes is primarily due to the demand therefore exceeding the supply, and in a secondary manner to the speculation in tatters. There are undoubtedly other causes, but whatever they may be, the fact remains that a departure of a currency from its parity, whether a rise or fall from its basis of value, cannot react otherwise than detrimentally to trade.

The question is full of intricacies, and a satisfactory solution even more so, but a remedy might be found in an increase in the issue of bank notes, and placing a curb in the speculation in tatters. The latter might be reached without great difficulty by agreement between the Banks themselves but, for obvious reasons, it cannot be effective unless accompanied by measures to meet the trade requirements of Hong Kong in respect of bank notes.

Neither will an increase by itself in the issue of Bank notes remedy the situation unless accompanied by a certainty of continued unrestricted import and export of silver dollars to correct the vagaries of the tael, and the free circulation and acceptance of dollars, and in this the Government might assist by withdrawing its discouragement to payments to the Treasury in the Colony's legal tender. An increase in notes accompanied by free circulation of dollars interchangeable into notes and general observation of the fact that silver dollars are legal tender in this Colony would appear to be effective almost at once in bringing down the Hong Kong paper dollar to its true value.

It is desirable to retain bank notes, and its temporary increase might be facilitated to the issuing Banks by the grant of less onerous conditions for an excess of the present amount, subject to a gradual reduction to a figure proved by experience to be sufficient for the Colony's requirements.

This is by no means an exhaustive review of the situation, but sufficient facts have been exposed to warrant an examination of the problem by the Government. Perhaps one of our unofficial members of the Council will take the matter in hand and move for a commission to explore the matter in all its aspects, or preferably a currency expert might be engaged to report thereon.

Years ago a situation detrimental to the interest of the Colony in reference to small coins was corrected by the action of the Government, and it now lies again with the Government to take such steps as may be necessary to remove the handicap which now exists to the trade of Hong Kong.

Yours, etc.,

"OBSERVER."

Hong Kong, July 16.

PRICE OF PETROL

REDUCTION BEGINNING
TO-DAY

Motorists will be glad to learn that the price of petrol has been reduced, the new rates coming in force to-day.

"Shell" brand may now be procured for 65 cents an Imperial gallon as against 70 cents previously.

"Socony" gasoline, the product of the Standard Oil Company of New York, has been similarly reduced. The Texas Oil Company have also reduced the price of their "Texaco" brand of petrol.

NANKING IS CALM

SOVIET ULTIMATUM NOT FEARED

THREATS RESENTED

Nanking, July 15.
The National Government leaders are quite calm regarding the Soviet ultimatum.
Mr. Hu Han-min, interviewed, stated that the Government resented the threatening attitude of the Soviet, but was unperturbed.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek made a report at Kuomintang headquarters this morning. The details of his report are not divulged, but it is learned reliably that he announced the Government had already adopted a definite policy regarding Russia, and the programme would be carried out regardless of recent developments.
Officials in the Foreign Ministry are reticent owing to the absence of Dr. C. T. Wang, but it is believed it is certain no action will be taken before Dr. Wang's return towards the weekend.—Reuter.

Still Going

A message from Changchun says the Chinese authorities are now clearing out the Russians from the places southward of Harbin.
Several Soviet employees of the railway from Changkaiwan and Chang-

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chun have been sent to Harbin, including the station master from Changchun.

A Harbin message states that the families of the ousted Soviet officials are preparing to leave for Russia.—Reuter.

What Japan Says

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Being Monday, editorial comment is still lacking, but Press despatches of Moscow's ultimatum to China are given prominence with big head lines, of which some are sensational.

The Foreign Office has not yet received official confirmation of the ultimatum and therefore withholds comment, but admits it is less optimistic of a peaceful settlement than on Saturday when it appeared the danger was blowing over.

In the meantime Consular despatches from Manchuli state that Japanese travellers arriving there report that movements of troops and troop trains are visible at every station eastward of Kharmska at the junction of the Chinese Eastern Railway and the Amur Railway.

The Foreign Office reiterates that its policy is one of very close watchful waiting and of strict neutrality, a readiness to protect its own interests if menaced and also under no circumstances to allow disturbances to spread southward of Changchun.

Military Thoughts

While withholding official comment well-placed military observers express the belief that the Soviet ultimatum is intended to force China to negotiate, rather than being a hostile threat, therefore they anticipate that the present dispute will be settled without resort to arms, as Moscow is keenly desirous of preserving peaceful relations with her Chinese neighbour.

The same observers point out that the available Soviet troops, though numerically inferior are far more efficient and up-to-date than the Chinese, and therefore would be fully able to hold their own if concentrated at the three strategic points, Vladivostok, Blavovsk, and Manchuli. Unless there are unexpected developments, the military authorities therefore appear to be confident that hostilities are unlikely.—Reuter.

British Views

London, Yesterday.
The sinister possibilities of the Far Eastern situation are given prominence in the newspapers.

The Labour "Daily Herald" trusts that even now China may recognise that her actions are unwise and that Russia will remember that ultimatums are dangerous things. The Journal hopes that the League of Nations will bring pressure to bear on China with the view of securing an amicable settlement.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that it is to be expected that a vigorous protest and demand for restitution will follow actions which, on whatever pretext they were taken, were undoubtedly high-handed on the part of a signatory to an international agreement, but the Soviet note oversteps the limits of diplomacy which aims at peaceful removal of agreements.
The "Daily News" says that the Russian ultimatum is very different from a Russian army in Manchuria, in connection with which Japan would have a world to say, but in the interests of world peace it is extremely desirable to avoid a Russian, Japanese and Chinese triangle of this kind.—Reuter.

German Opinion

Berlin, Yesterday.
The "Vorwaerts" says the Soviets are faced with the most difficult situation of a decade. The alternatives are to risk war with China in her (Russia's) difficult economic condition or to let Vladivostok and the Pacific coast fall into Japan's lap like ripe fruit. The paper expresses the opinion that the Bolsheviks will possibly finally appeal to the League to save them from a hopeless war.—Reuter.

[Later cabled on page 1.]

MR. T. V. SOONG

Peking, Yesterday.
Both Chinese and foreign sources state that Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister, has resigned.—Reuter.
Shanghai, Yesterday.
Mr. T. V. Soong, interviewed by Reuter, denies his reported resignation.—Reuter.

WHITE LINES

MORE MISUNDERSTANDING IN KOWLOON

SUMMONSES FAIL

Captain R. H. Bakewell, Somerset Light Infantry, and Mr. A. A. Xavier, No. 300, Kowloon Tong, owners of cars, were yesterday summoned at the Kowloon Police Court for causing an obstruction by parking their cars outside the white lines opposite the Railway Station.
Capt. Bakewell said that when he drove up to the Ferry wharf he found that all the parking space provided for private cars outside the Railway Station and against the Kowloon Godowns was occupied. He then went up to the Indian constable on traffic duty, when the latter pointed to the north end of the parking space. He then saw another car just behind his, the driver being Mr. Xavier.
After the constable had pointed towards the end of the parking space, he (Captain Bakewell) parked his there as near as possible to the next car. Mr. Xavier parked his car behind.

The Indian constable said that he understood that Captain Bakewell was intimating that there was no room in the parking space. He merely pointed to that area outside the Railway Station.

Don't "Ask a Policeman" Addressing Captain Bakewell, His Worship remarked that he could not expect a Policeman to give him authority to park his car outside the white line when it was clear that there was no room. In any case there was the notice board posted up to warn motorists.

Captain Bakewell replied that he did so in the belief that the constable understood. He did not want to park his car there without asking somebody. Had he been told that he could not he would have had to find somewhere else.

On the other hand, said His Worship, the constable had not given a satisfactory explanation why he pointed to the north end of the parking area. In the circumstances the two summonses must be withdrawn.

WATER FILTERS

DRIPSTONE ALLEGED TO BE A DANGEROUS ABOMINATION

A DOCTOR'S CONDEMNATION

"That dangerous abomination, the dripstone." These words are actually contained in a report on the health of Penang signed by Dr. Smart and confirm a suspicion which many of us have felt but few liked to voice. Is not water, in Kuala Lumpur anyhow, much safer when drawn fresh from the tap than when put through any kind of filter? Dr. Smart thinks that in Penang at any rate it is, for he says:

"The quality of the water remained good, though it is still, in many houses, exposed to the perils of the domestic filter, or that possibly more dangerous abomination, the dripstone. Yet Government always used and may still, for aught the writer knows) to supply a filter of this description as part of the necessary furniture of a Government officer's quarters. Its drawbacks are obvious. It is wide open at the top, thus exposing the water put in it to contamination from the dust of the kitchen and serving room, moreover the porous stone of which it is composed is so rough as to be impossible to keep perfectly clean, while even if the filter itself were always kept covered, the receptacle into which the theoretically clean water drips cannot be, but must be exposed to atmospheric contamination.

In these circumstances, one sometimes finds the "Company's" dripstone used by bums as a convenient refuge for laying a stray egg; and this seems to be quite a sensible method of utilising the enunciation. As for the other types of filter, they are all very well while they are kept scrupulously clean but this needs daily supervision. One has heard horrible stories of filters allowed to become green and slimy within. Some of them are true and the game is simply not worth the candle when one sees the elaborate precautions taken by the Hydraulic Branch of the P.W.D. to bring us clean water from the tap.—Malay Mail.

CHINA AND BRITAIN

EXPERTS DISCUSS DRAFT OF NEW TREATY

London, Yesterday.
At the request of the Chinese Government, Sino-British negotiations have opened for the conclusion of a Commercial Treaty, on the basis of reciprocity and equality.
Experts are now sitting at Shanghai discussing drafts submitted by both sides, whence it is hoped to evolve a single text.—Reuter.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"A THIEF IN THE DARK"

MYSTERY DRAMA

Jewel thieves, "ghosts," secret stairways, sliding panels and spiritualistic materialisations, coupled with hilarious comedy situations, all go to make up the story of "A Thief in the Dark," which will be shown to-day and tomorrow at the Queen's Theatre.
The author has painted a vivid picture of a gang of side-show crooks which attempts to steal a fortune in jewels from an eccentric old recluse and his pretty granddaughter. The crooks do not succeed and their leader, after murdering the old jewel-collector, pays the penalty in a most unexpected manner.

The all-star cast is headed by George Meeker, of "Four Sons" fame, and Doris Hill. Meeker enacts the role of a young gangster who finally becomes regenerated through love.

The comedy contingent is headed by Marjorie Beebe as a servant, and Noah Young, kleptomaniac, and Raymond Turner, a coloured butler.

DOWRY AGREEMENT

DISPUTED LAND TRANSFER IN COURT

KUALA LUMPUR CASE

Kuala Lumpur, July 4.
An interesting suit was taken up in the Supreme Court to-day (says the "Straits Times") before Mr. Justice Farrer Manby, the parties being Mr. D. V. Kandiah, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Kuala Lumpur and Mrs. Kandiah, plaintiffs and Dr. J. H. Ponnampalam (first defendant) and his wife, who is a daughter of the plaintiffs (second defendant). The plaintiffs asked for a declaration that a piece of land in Ampang-road, where the defendants now lived, was held in trust by his daughter, the second defendant, and for an injunction restraining the first defendant from transferring, charging or otherwise disposing of the land, for an order that the first defendant should transfer the land to the second defendant or to trustees appointed by the court, and for an order restraining the first defendant from disposing of the land after transfer without an order of the court.

The Hon. Mr. A. S. Bailey appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. M. N. Malik for the defendants. As outlined by plaintiffs' counsel, the facts of the case are as follows:—In 1924 the plaintiffs agreed to the betrothal of their daughter who was then 16 years of age to the first defendant. The plaintiffs entered into an agreement with their daughter to give her as dowry, according to Ceylon custom, the sum of \$10,000 in cash and a piece of land in Parry-road. In February 1928 the parties agreed to sell the Parry-road land and buy a piece of land in Ampang-road. The plaintiffs paid over to Dr. Ponnampalam \$6,000 out of the dowry money to buy the Ampang-road land. It was bought in April, 1928, and registered in the name of Mrs. Ponnampalam. The Parry-road property was sold in January 1928 for \$5,500. The plaintiffs advanced to the first defendant \$4,000 for the erection of a bungalow on the Ampang-road site, thus giving the defendants a total sum of \$16,500. After the house had been built the plaintiffs entered into an agreement with their daughter, Mrs. Ponnampalam, that the land and bungalow should be considered part and parcel of the dowry and that the land be held on trust by Mrs. Ponnampalam until the execution of a valid dowry deed in accordance with the Thesawalamy Law. The agreement was signed, the first defendant being present. The marriage took place in October 1926.

In spite of the agreement in March 1927, and April 1927 Dr. Ponnampalam sent to the plaintiffs through his lawyers letters repudiating the agreement, he claiming that the Ampang-road land was bought with his own money. Later by exercising undue influence over his wife, the first defendant, it is alleged, had the land transferred to himself on the day on which the second defendant attained her majority.
Mr. Kandiah gave evidence in the morning, and when the hearing was resumed in the afternoon Mr. Bailey said that he understood that the first defendant was prepared to re-transfer the land to the second defendant and to settle the matter out of court.

His Lordship thought that the question of dowry should be considered more definitely by counsel and adjourned the hearing till the next day.

A report to the Police states that an employee of a Nam Pak Hong firm, while on his way yesterday afternoon to a bank in Queen's Road Central had his pocket picked by a thief, who robbed him of \$1,225 in bank notes—money being entrusted to him by the firm.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions
To-day—Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel—Dinner Dances, 8.30 p.m.; Repulse Bay Hotel Dinner Dance.

Entertainments
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "A Thief in the Dark."
To-day—World Theatre; "The American Venus."
To-day—Star Theatre; "Adventure Mad."
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Rose Marie."

Lammert's Auction
July 17—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.
July 20—At 241, Nathan-rd. (Top Floor) Kowloon, valuable house furniture, 11 a.m.
July 22—At 10, Carnarvon Bldg., Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

Home Mail
To-day—Outward for Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia ("Chenonceaux"), 3 p.m.

BRITISH G.O.C.

CONCLUDES TOUR OF INSPECTION IN SHANGHAI

LEAVES FOR HONG KONG

Shanghai, July 10.
The G.O.C. China Command of the British Army, Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., left Shanghai for Hong Kong yesterday morning by the B. & S. s.s. "Sing-kiang." He was accompanied by his A.D.C., Lieut. D. R. M. Cameron of the Cameron Highlanders, and his cypher officer, Lieut. T. V. Beer, of the Somerset Light Infantry. Capt. D. T. Kirkpatrick of the Royal Army Pay Corps left by the same ship to join the China Command Headquarters at Hong Kong.
There was no ceremony at the departure of the G.O.C. yesterday, in contrast to his reception on his arrival here a few weeks ago, says the "China Press." Major-General Sandilands has now seen all the forces under his command, having inspected the Shanghai area on his way north, where he inspected the Tientsin Area, comprising troops at Tientsin and Peking.

CHRONIC MALARIA.

DOCTOR RECOMMENDS LEMON JUICE REMEDY

ALSO ENTERIC CASES

An Army doctor writes to the "Morning Post" (London):—
I was much interested in the remarks in your issue of the 18th inst. on lemon juice as a preventive and remedy for smallpox in Chile. I have used lemon juice in the treatment of acute febrile diseases for 50 years. It is a specific in cases of pneumonia of all degrees and in my vast experience, both aboard and at home, it is a preventive of those insidious cases which lead to pleurisy and empyema. If taken in the very early stages it frequently aborts febrile diseases and certainly shortens the attack.

I always gave it in enteric and dysenteric cases as a matter of routine treatment because it is antiseptic and prevents coagulations of the blood. I have never had what is called "enteric leg" after I adopted it as a routine method of treatment.
Chronic malaria is a very difficult disease to eradicate and leads to all sorts of complications. It yields to the intensive treatment of lemon juice if used for a month. I gave lemon juice in whiskey (half to one glass) and hot water with 10grs. of aspirin in the early stages of pneumonia. The whole juice of a lemon must be used for the first three days and afterwards as an occasional drink with barley water throughout the treatment.

I do not remember ever having lost a case of pneumonia in the Army when it was taken early.

If the lemon juice treatment is adopted as a routine method early in acute febrile disease I would not be surprised if the mortality from pneumonia among otherwise healthy subjects be reduced 75 per cent.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Peat, of the Methodist Mission, Singapore, are spending a holiday at the Kroh in Upper Perak.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 16th July, 1929.

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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 22nd July, 1929, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 29th July, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LIMITED, General Agents.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject to rent. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 1st prox. or they will not be recognised.

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WORLD'S NURSES

JURISDICTION OF MILITARY RESENTED

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Montreal, July 8.
To remove the nursing profession from military jurisdiction, and make it equally responsive to educational and public health interests, will be one of the chief aims of the International Council of Nurses which opens here to-day.

To be affiliated with the international council, which is the largest body of professional women in the world, an organization must be offered by nurses and not by army men.

Six new countries, having complied with the regulations, will be admitted at the coming council. They are Sweden, Philippine Islands, Korea, Japan, Finland and Holland. Nineteen other countries are represented by the 132,000 members.

Foreign Nurses

The 150 foreign nurses who will attend have begun to arrive in this country. Among them is Mlle. L. Chaptal, president of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France. She is one of the candidates for president of the international council and was nominated by the French nurses.

Two other candidates are Miss Clara D. Noyes of Washington, D. C., first vice-president of the council and director of nursing service of the American Red Cross, and Miss Jean L. Gunn of Toronto, Canada. Miss Gunn was nominated by the American Nurses' association. Miss Noyes had requested the American nurses not to nominate her, but she reckoned without the Cuban Nurses' association, which placed her name in nomination.

Under Miss Noyes' direction the American Red Cross gave valuable support to many foreign nursing schools during the period after the war. She is widely known among foreign nurses.

The sessions will be presided over by Miss Nina M. Gage, president of the international council. Miss Gage has been associated with nursing in China since 1903. Conditions in China made hospital and school work impossible in 1927. She returned to this country and was appointed executive secretary of the National League of Nursing Education.

Miss Gunn is superintendent of nurses of the Toronto general hospital. Virtually all the distinguished women of the nursing world have taken part in the international meetings of the Council. Professional discussions at these meetings have marked effect on standards of nursing, legislation and institutional management.

The International Council of Nurses was organized in London in 1899 by a group of British nurses led by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick—Associated Press.

MONEY AND SHARES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/11 3/4
Bank, on demand	1/11 3/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	—
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/11 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/- 1/2
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/- 1/4
On Paris—	
On demand	1197 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1272 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	46 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	48 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	129 3/4
On demand	129 3/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	129 3/4
On demand	129 3/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	83 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	94
On Shanghai—	
On demand	82 1/4
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	102 1/4
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	10.00
Silver (per oz.)	24 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	2 1/2% dis.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3% Prem.
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	32 1/4% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	—

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.875
New York	4.34 31/32
Brussels	24.90
Geneva	25.21
Amsterdam	20.07 3/4
Milan	22.37 1/2
Berlin	20.36
Stockholm	18.09 1/2
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.20 1/2
Vienna	34.46 1/2
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	153
Madrid	33.4
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	37 1/2
Bucharest	81 1/2
Rio	5 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 7/32
Bombay	1/5 25/32
Shanghai	2/4 1/4
Hong Kong	1/11 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 7/32
Silver Spot	24 1/2
Silver Forward	24 7/16

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THE fine art of cadging a free or cheap meal has its devotees in Paris, who practice it with a finesse and sangfroid truly Parisian.

The most recent discovery of these artists deals with how to eat in the exclusive restaurants of the Bois de Boulogne at fifty cents or less a meal. There are at least six restaurants in the Bois where the average meal rarely falls below \$10 a head.

If, however, you are hungry and a merry soul, you go early into the Bois and at dawn at the Bois, under the trees reserved for the cadgers, your neighbors may be seen, followed by the noise of their teeth on the bones of a pig may be like the report of the glass eaters, but the food is good and abundant.

winning the man who pay the cadgers' salaries are being served in style and paying for it; under the trees the same food is being served with less style, but with greater abundance at a tenth of the price. The chauffeurs pay fifteen francs a meal. For this price they get anything on the menu, wine included. It is the biggest bargain in Paris save one.

The exception to the party thrown by any American millionaire ignorant of the ways of Paris. To profit by this bargain one must have a dinner coat and have at least the appearance of a member of the peerage. (Mashmuck, the best of such parties, pays per person served it is considered good business by certain unscrupulous waiters to introduce or at least wink at the presence of uninvited guests. To the man hunting the meal gratis this is the least expensive way to get it.)

But the risk the man is over the capital cadger has made friends with his neighbors, and when the party adjourns to Montmartre he is taken along. A good time is frequently had by all and none is the worse for the experience.

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P. & O. Bank \$9 1/4 n
Bank of East Asia \$90 1/2 n

Insurance
Canton Insurance \$630 n
Union Insurance \$324 1/2 b
North China Insurance \$160 b
Yangtze Insurance \$350 n
China Underwriters \$210 s
China Fire Insurance \$305 b
H.K. Fire Insurance \$770 n

Shipping
Douglases \$27 1/2 n
H.K. Steamboats \$24 1/2 b 25 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters \$—
Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$47 b
Indo-Chinas (Def.) \$70 n
Shells Transports (old) \$97 1/6 sa
Shell Transports (new) \$—
Union Waterboats \$22 n

Mining
Benguets \$3.05 b
Kailan Mining Ad. \$66 3/8 n
Langkats (comb.) \$115 b
Langkats (single) \$19 b
Shanghai Explorations \$22 1/2 s
Shanghai Loans \$14 1/4 b
Raubas \$8 1/2 b
Tronoh Mines \$21/- b

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.
H.K. & K. Wharves \$125 b
H.K. & W. Docks \$35 s
China Providents \$420 b 435 s
Hongkows \$168 n
New Engineering \$176 1/2 b
Shanghai Docks \$139 1/2 b

Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons \$14.30 b 14 1/4 s
Oriental Cottons \$12 1/4 b
Shanghai Cottons (old) \$77 1/2 b
Shanghai Cottons (new) \$43 1/2 b

Lands, Hotels & Buildings
H.K. & S. Hotels \$3.55 b
H.K. Lands \$90 b & sa
Shanghai Lands \$147 b
Humphreys' Estates \$13 1/4 b
H.K. Realities \$8 b
H.K. Territorials \$—
Prince's Buildings \$—

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways \$19 sa
Peak Trams (old) \$11.80 n
Peak Trams (new) \$6.05 n
Star Ferries \$64 1/4 b

China Lights (comb.) \$—
China Lights (old) \$13 1/4 s
China Lights (new) \$13.20 n
China Lights 1928 issue \$—
H.K. Electric (old) \$55 1/2 b 56 s
H.K. Electric (new) \$—
Macao Electric \$26 3/4 n
H.K. Telephones \$87 n
China Buses \$14 1/4 b
Singapore Tractions \$11/- s
Singapore Pref. \$20/- b
Sandakan Ltd. \$2 1/2 s

Industrials
China Sugars \$90 cts. b
Malabon Sugars \$27 n
Canton Ices \$2.10 b
Cements (comb.) \$9.10 b
Cements (old) \$7.70 b
Cements (new) \$1.40 n
H.K. Ropes (old) \$7 s
H.K. Ropes (new) \$—
United Asbestos \$5 b

Stores, &c.
Dairy Farms \$19 b 18.55/19 sa
Watsons \$11.90 b
Der A. Wings \$80 cts. b
Lane, Crawfords \$13 1/4 n
Mackintoshes \$18 b
Sinceres \$12 b
Wm. Powells \$22 1/2 s

Miscellaneous
H.K. Amusements \$28 1/2 n
H.K. Constructions \$1 1/2 b
B. Ind. G.S. Bonds \$7 1/2 n
H.K. Govt. Loans \$7% b prem.

AIRWAY TO INDIA

REDUCED TIME SCHEDULE NEXT SPRING?

London, June 22.
Complete satisfaction with the general result of the England-India air service during the first three months was expressed by an Imperial Airways Ltd. official in an interview.

He declared that the voyage might possibly be reduced from seven and a half to six and a half days next spring, when, he hoped, night flying would be possible on the Bagdad-Basra section. Another day might be cut off later.

He declared that instead of attempting to speed up the service it would be helped much better at present by pressing forward with the scheme for the provision of feeder lines in India.

The official pointed out that the railway service from Karachi was poor.

12,000 lb. of Mails
The latest statistics show that over 12,000 lb. of mails hitherto have been carried. The volume has exceeded expectations. Mails from England totalled 4,700 lb. and from India 7,300 lb. Particular gratification is felt at the advantage taken of the service by India.

Mr. Kenneth Cantile, son of the late Sir James Cantile, has returned to India after attending the State funeral of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Sir James Cantile was instrumental in having Dr. Sun released when he was kidnapped many years ago by the Chinese Legation in London.

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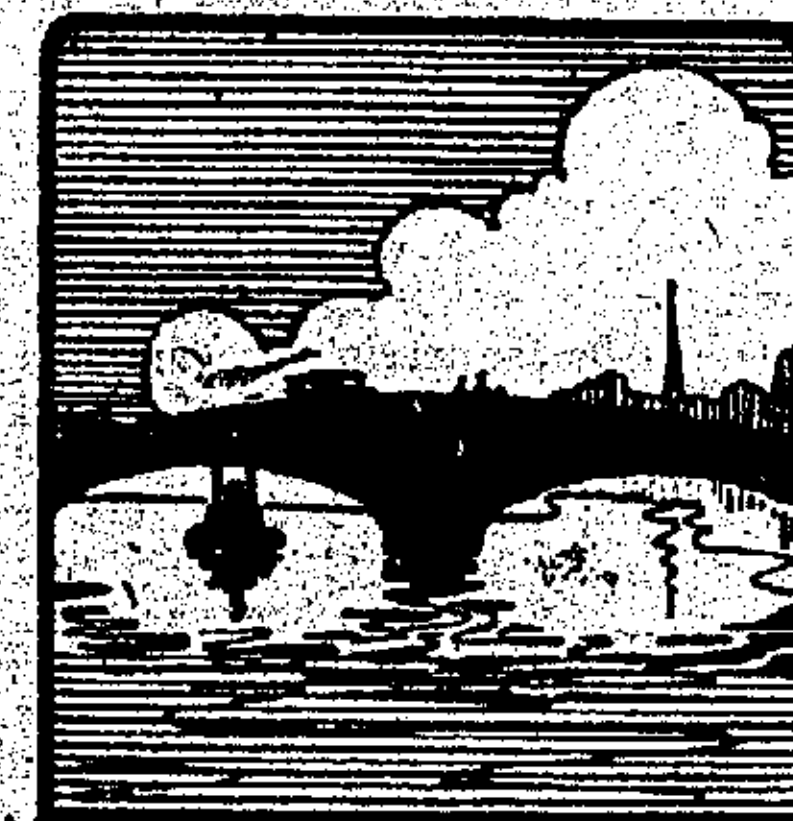
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Sport Columns

SLOW BOWLERS

DO WELL FOR ENGLAND IN THIRD TEST

S. AFRICANS IN DANGER

With three wickets to fall, South Africa are only 24 runs ahead of England at the end of the second day's play in the Third Test Match at Leeds.

After the tea interval yesterday, five wickets fell for 74 runs. In that period, however, the visitors wiped out England's lead on the first innings, doing so at considerable cost.

Of the last five wickets, Woolley was responsible for two, "Farmer" White (the England captain) for two and Freeman one. Two of the five were batsmen were out i.b.w.

The fact that success in the second innings has befallen the slow bowlers speaks for itself.

Woolley's Triumph
Woolley has enjoyed a triumph. After making top score for England (when it was thought that his Test career was over), he was called upon to bowl, although he has been doing less and less bowling for Kent, his county. And there were other left-hand bowlers in the team as well.

Having gained the upper hand yesterday, England ought to win today, even if (as is hoped) South Africa's "tail" does the proverbial wagging.

The weather was ideal, says Reuter, and the wicket still good. The attendance numbered 8,000. From 166 for 2 wickets (Hammond 30 not out and Duckworth 5 not out), England resumed. And the batsmen scored quickly. By lunch, the total had been increased to 270 runs for 5 wickets (164 runs having been added for three more wickets).

Mild Collapse
Then came a mild collapse and the last five wickets went for only 58 runs more, the innings closing for 328. Quinn's bowling must have been good (as witness his 6 for 92) but an exaggerated respect must have been paid to some of the other bowlers.

Tate and Freeman began the good work when South Africa opened their second innings. At the tea interval, the score was only 42 for 2 wickets.

After Tea
Both Mitchell and Morkel fell to i.b.w. decisions. White and Freeman being responsible.

Duminy, who had been capped in South Africa against England and had been impressed by H. G. Deane for the match on account of casualties in the touring side, failed once more to get going. Deane (the captain) and Vincent did not stay long but, Owen-Smith, who has always done something so far in the Tests, held out against England's slow bowlers. Scores to date:—

South Africa—1st innings	
R. H. Catterall, b Freeman	74
I. J. Siedle, b Larwood	0
B. Mitchell, b Tate	22
D. P. Morkel, st Duckworth, b Freeman	17
Duminy, b Freeman	2
H. G. Deane, c Duckworth, b Tate	20
H. G. Owen-Smith, c Hammond, b Freeman	6
C. L. Vincent, b Freeman	60
N. A. Quinn, c Leyland, b Freeman	5
E. A. Van der Merwe, c Hammond, b Freeman	19
A. J. Bell, not out	9
Extras	9
Total	236

Total	236			
BOWLING ANALYSIS				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	17	4	35	1
Tate	26	8	40	2
Freeman	32.2	6	115	7
Hammond	8	2	13	0
White	17	6	24	0

England—1st innings	
H. Sutcliffe, c Mitchell, b Quinn	37
E. H. Bowley, c Bell, b Quinn	31
W. R. Hammond, c Van der Merwe, b Quinn	65
G. Duckworth, b Bell	21
F. E. Woolley, b Vincent	83

A GOOD STAYER

HOW TRIGO WON THE DERBY

IRISH-BRED HORSES TO THE FORE

[By P. Leo Faulkner.]

In view of the line it gives to the ability of English three-year-olds, this year's race at the Curragh for the Irish 2,000 guineas was invested with more than its customary interest and importance. Experts in England did not hold Star Eagle in great veneration because of his victories in the Madrid Plate and the Baldoyle Derby. Then, when Salisbury was discussed, there was an obvious inclination to treat his chances lightly. Was he not a son of the Boss and therefore most unlikely to stay the tiring mile at the Curragh?

On the other hand, the English invaders were armed with the best credentials. Empire Builder represented classic form and "Atty" Persse had tried him highly at Stockbridge with Mr. Jinks. Naturally he was made a strong favourite, and he started at 7 to 4. Wootton had high hopes of capturing the valuable prize for Lord Beaverbrook through the agency of Aroostook. This raking son of Diligence had won three good races during 1928, and there was no doubt about his stamina.

Another son of Diligence was sent across the Channel, and this was Heremon, who had been rated rightly as one of the best Irish two-year-olds of 1928. It was known in certain quarters that he had given his trainer complete satisfaction, and, as a matter of fact, one famous English trainer struck out the question for them to tackle three good colts from the race as Heremon successfully.

When the horses came into the ring there were two that shrieked for notice. These were Salisbury and Empire Builder. The former is built on more ample lines than the latter, and I have never seen a horse in finer fettle. I should have little hesitation in declaring that never had I cast my eye over a horse carrying more condition than Salisbury did at the Curragh on May 29. The race was run at a fast pace throughout, and from the outset the seven contenders were all galloping hard. Red Clover was in the van for close on by Salisbury he could not sustain six furlongs, but on being tackled the effort and the son of the Boss went on to win as he liked by two and a half lengths from Heremon.

John McCormack's Purchase
Star Eagle was third, and, at least, it must have been some consolation to his connections that he showed himself a long way superior to the English cracks, Empire Builder and Aroostook. Star Eagle, a sturdy son of defunct White Eagle, is very wide in front and he is a bad walker. A few days before the race his half brother by Spion Kop was sold to John, Count McCormack, the famous singer, for 3,000 guineas.

Salisbury is by the Boss out of an unnamed mare by Rhodesian. At the Dublin Horse Show he was obtained by Mr. Mackean for 1,100 guineas and has proved a rare bargain. Salisbury runs in the colours of Mrs. Mackean, while Mr. Mackean is the proud possessor of Solopitic, the winner of this year's Irish 1,000 guineas, and, in the opinion of many judges, the best three-year-old filly to-day in Great Britain and Ireland. Both these champions are trained on Maryborough Heath by Colonel Blake.

Empire Builder's poor showing in Ireland was not to the liking of the supporters of Mr. Jinks, against whom he had done well in a trial. In various other directions there were incidents which tended to upset the nerves of backers. Thus Cragadour, on the Saturday before the race, finished last of three to Lucky and Cavendo in a gallop over twelve furlongs. Hunter's Moon had a mild attack of "sore-shins," and, naturally, there was perturbation in his camp in case the soreness should return.

By general consent Gay Day was acclaimed as the "best looker" of the Derby probabilities. His friends, however, were kept on tenterhooks by stories of his waywardness when asked to wear blinkers. Kopl, too, caused uneasiness. In

his winding-up gallop he moved even more slovenly than is his wont. He has, however, always been slug at home, and with this knowledge his supporters essayed to console themselves.

Lord Woolavington dropped a bomb a day or two before the event by stating that Walter Gay would not run at all unless rain fell in quantities. In particular, this must have upset Geoffrey Gilbey, of the "Sunday Express" who, the following day, gave him as his finally considered selection for the big race. Walter Gay has straight joints, and so the colt could not be expected to travel well at Epsom on hard going.

No Reference to Trigo
En Garde was reported by all the watchers to have gone stale, while the Aga Khan declared that he had no belief in Le Voleur, his own colt. He made no reference to Trigo who is an inmate of the Whatcombe establishment. All told, therefore, the stage was set for a pretty play.

And it was this Trigo who was destined to prove the winner. Before a record crowd and in dismal conditions this Irishbred son of Blandford scored for Mr. W.

PLEASE DON'T WASTE WATER

Barnett, a Belfast merchant who only has a few horses in training. Trigo is a younger brother of that conspicuously successful horse, Athford.

There was no delay at the start. When the horses quitted the gate it was apparent that the heavily backed Kopl had been unfortunate. He lost quite six lengths. Hunter's Moon took up the running, followed by Trigo. Then came En Garde and Barbizon. So they ran to Tottenham Corner where Marshall on Trigo moved into the lead. At this important point the son of Blandford was moving in great style, and the huge crowds could hardly believe their eyes as they saw him maintaining his position at the entrance to the straight. Many did not even know who was in front and they were too excited to refer to their cards. Where were Mr. Jinks and Cragadour? What had happened to Gay Day?

They were well behind the middle division, and it was certain that none of the favourites would have anything to say with the finish. Halfway up the straight Hunter's Moon began to tire, and there Walter Gay and Brien began to improve their positions. Nothing, however, had the slightest chance of overhauling Trigo, who proceeded to win easily by 1½ lengths. He started at 33 to 1, while Brien who filled third place was listed at 50 to 1. Kopl fell soon after entering the straight. He did not interfere with any of the well-beaten favourites, for whom no excuse can be offered.

Trigo is a small, well-made colt and, maternally, traces to Stella, a famous Irish tap root. He is trained by R. C. Dawson who has also trained a winner of the Grand National, a remarkable record. After the race, Dawson said:—"I must admit that I preferred Le Voleur, especially after Trigo's performance in the 2,000 guineas, but Trigo, I knew, stayed well." For me this Epsom week will always have pleasant associations. I have a mare called St. Aside. She is by Blandford, sire of Trigo the winner of the Derby, out of High Moor, who traces maternally to Miss Gunning II and Memoir, as does Lady Abbess, the winner of the Woodcote Stakes.

BILLIARDS

FIXTURES FOR STEEL COULSON LEAGUE

The following matches in the Steel Coulson League are to be contested to-day, beginning at 6 p.m. or as arranged.

Police Reserve v. Somersets.
Buffalo Club v. C. & P.O.'s.
Police v. R.F.'s.
Craigengower C.C. v. Garrison Mess.
St. Patrick's Club v. R.A.
(Home team mentioned first.)

WATER RETURN

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on July 1, 1929:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1928	1929
Tytam	4' 6" B 27' 2" B	
Tytam Byewash	6' 10" B 25' 7" B	
Tytam Intermediate	Level 68' 2" B	
Tytam Tuk	Level 104' 4" B	
Wong Nei Chung	13' 10" B 39' 7" B	
Pokfulum	14' 10" B 32' 1" B	
[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow"; L denotes "Level with Overflow"]		
Storage in million and decimals of gallons		
Tytam	1928 347.32	1929 141.14
Tytam Byewash	13.33	.53
Tytam Intermediate	195.90	3.52
Tytam Tuk	1,419.00	16.68
Wong Nei Chung	14.84	.80
Pokfulum	34.34	5.92
Total	2,024.73	168.59

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June.

	1928	1929
Consumption	310.22	115.26*
Estimated population	423,100	433,420
Consumption per head per day	24.4	8.8
* Includes 2.21 M.G. from Talkoo, 9.96 M.G. from Kowloon, 6.55 M.G. from Tsan Wan and 3.35 M.G. from steamers, etc.		
Constant Supply of all Rider Main Districts during June, 1928.		

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From 25th-30th inclusive the hours of supply from 6-8 a.m. and 3-5.30 p.m. (Peak District 4 hours daily).

KOWLOON WATER WORKS

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir	Level 36' 7" B	
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	Level 34' 11" B	
Reception Reservoir	0' 11" B 5' 8" B	
Storage in million and decimals of gallons		
Kowloon Reservoir	1928 352.50	1929 75.70
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	116.10	15.45
Reception Reservoir	30.73	19.15
Total	499.33	110.30

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June.

	1928	1929
Consumption	106.12	62.33*
Estimated population	165,700	170,740
Consumption per head per day	21.3	12.1
* Does not include water sent to Hong Kong but includes 0.88 M.G. from Tsan Wan.		
Full Supply in all districts during June, 1928.		

From 1st-4th inclusive the supply was shut off nightly from 6 p.m.-6 a.m.
From 5th-23rd inclusive a supply of 6 hours per day was given.
From 24-30th inclusive the daily supply to all districts was from 6 a.m.-6 p.m.
The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.
Total rainfall to June 30, 1928, 43.28; 1929, 14.58.

SIR DAN GODFREY

ROMANCE OF A FAMOUS CONDUCTOR

WEDDED IN SECRET

By special licence and with great secrecy, Sir Dan Godfrey, director of the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra, was married in mail week at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth.

Sir Dan's bride was Mrs. Annie Farlam, widow of Mr. Henry Farlam, of Buxton, who was killed in France during the War. Only about a dozen people were present at the ceremony, which was conducted by Canon H. L. March. Mr. Bertram Lines was the only member of the orchestra present.

Sir Dan and Lady Godfrey left by a side door of the church, unobserved by anyone. The honeymoon was to be spent at Harrogate and in Scotland.

Sir Dan Godfrey, who is 60 years of age, has three sons and three daughters. His first wife died about three and a half years ago.

For 36 years Sir Dan guided the musical destinies of Bournemouth and recently when the new £250,000 Pavilion was opened, relinquished his post as musical

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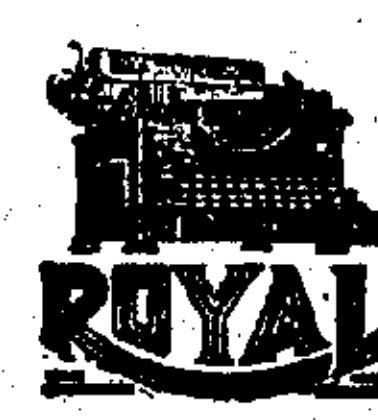
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director. The corporation, however, retained his services as director of the Municipal Orchestra.

TOBACCO SMUGGLING

GROWING PREVALENCE IN SINGAPORE

Replying to Mr. P. S. Williams, Second Police Magistrate, Supervisor Hyde, of the Preventive Service, said that there was a tremendous lot of tobacco smuggling into Singapore.

A Chinese pleaded guilty to being in possession of a quantity of dutiable tobacco.

Explaining the circumstances of arrest, Mr. Hyde said that on June 30 a revenue officer was on duty at the fish market Beach-rod, when he noticed the accused coming off a sampan and making for shore with a basket. He stopped the man and in the basket found 50 small packets and 20 large packets of tobacco. A fine of \$50 or two months' imprisonment in default was imposed.

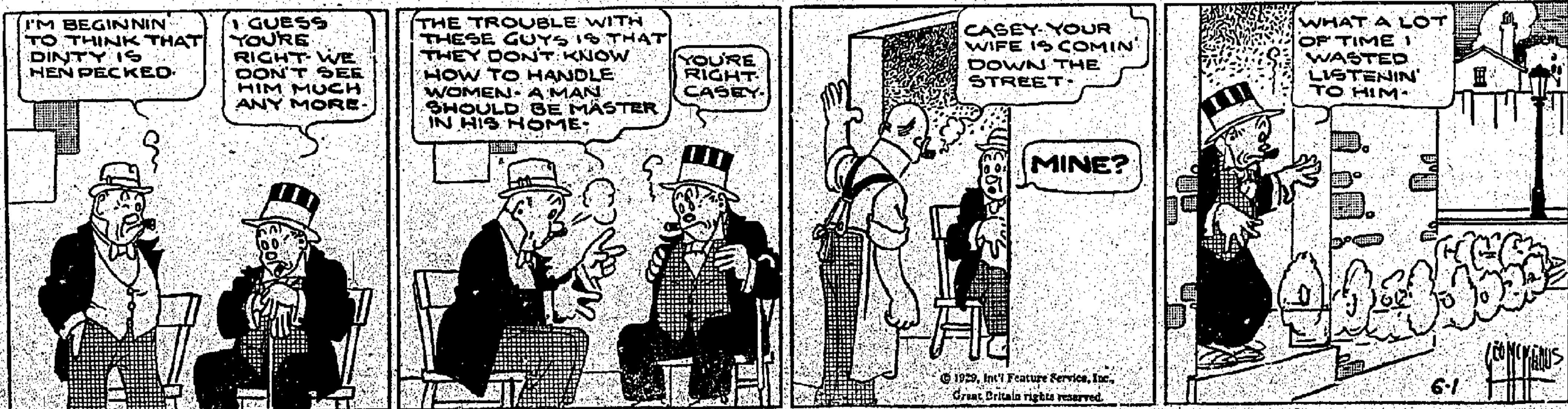
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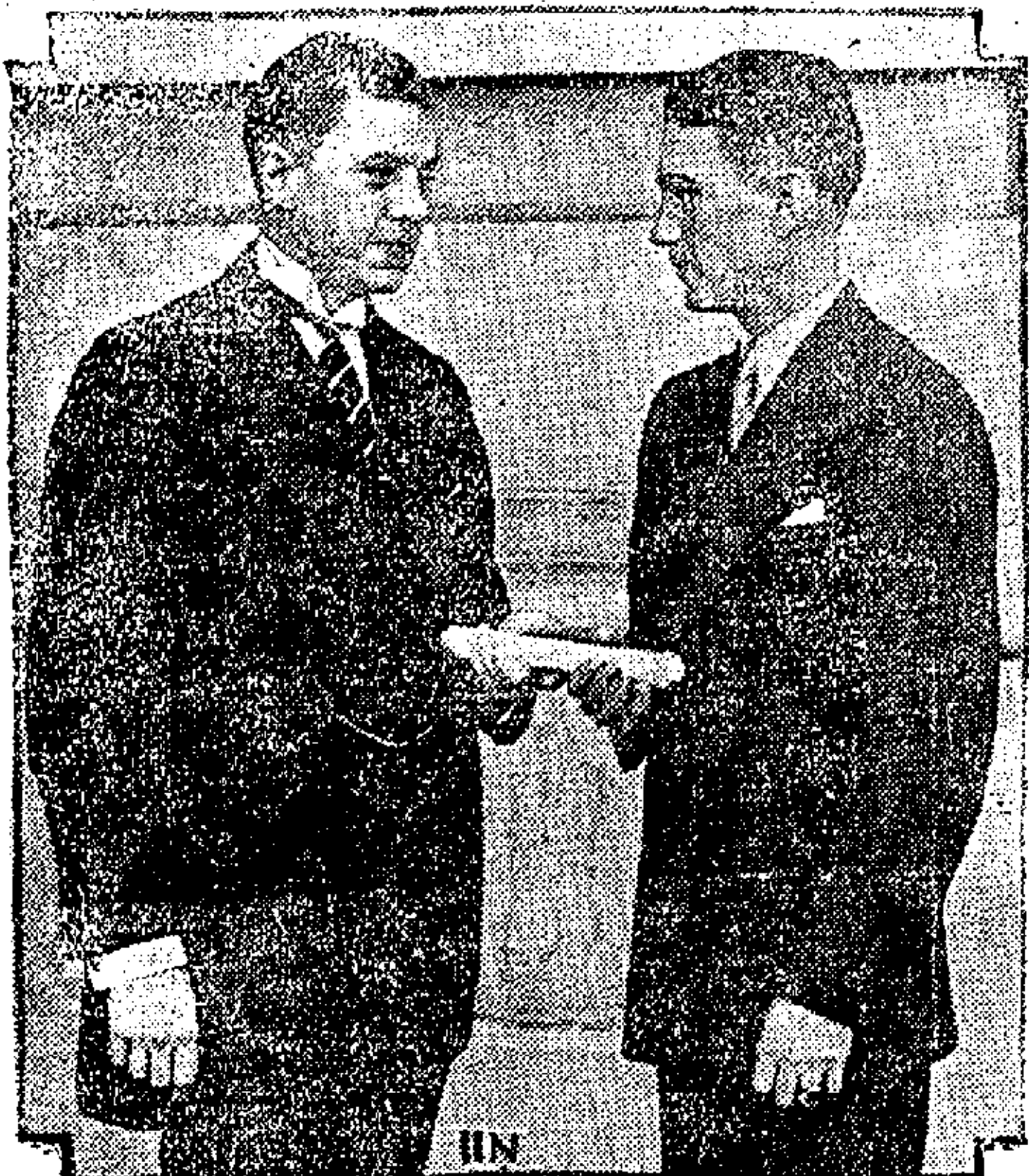
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Gloria's Ex-Hubby Marries



Henry A. Bishop early this year became the divorced husband of Gloria Gould, terminating a romance which started three years ago. Shortly before their marriage ended the seeds of a new romance were sown which ended at New York with the marriage of Bishop to Edith L. Weed, wealthy society girl of Norwalk, Conn. Here's the happy couple as they launched their craft on the sea of matrimony.

Ball Star Admitted to High Court



Charles E. Copley, left, clerk of the Supreme Court at Washington, D.C., presents Harold "Muddy" Ruel, Washington catcher, with papers admitting him to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. The noted ball player has for years been a member of a law firm in St. Louis where he has engaged in active practice when not on the diamond.

What's Wrong With This Picture?



According to present rumours, this picture, taken a few months ago, showing Mickey Walker, middleweight boxing champion, with his pretty wife, is not an accurate picture of the way things stand now, for they have come to a parting of the ways after seven years of marriage, it is said.

Kaiser's Dream of Returning



At the left is shown the former Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, above, as he appeared on his 70th birthday, day, which he spent at his estates in Doorn, Holland, right.

UNLUCKY BUSINESS VENTURES

Add to Ex-Ruler's Gray Locks

ROYALIST ventures into the realm of high finance, a scheme for the restoration of former Kaiser Wilhelm to his throne, machinations of a commoner, and political intrigues centering about Princess Hermine are all woven into a sensational story by a prominent Berlin daily, from which the conclusion is drawn that all is not well at Doorn!

About two and a half years ago Wilhelm dismissed his business manager, Herr Von Berg, in the latter's place. A certain Herr Nitz

was appointed the new business manager and all went well for a time.

It is revealed now, however, that Herr Nitz has been relieved of his duties by the ex-Kaiser, and thereby hangs the tale. The former reports to the effect that the real cause of Von Berg's downfall was his opposition to the ex-Kaiser's marriage. Likewise, it is disclosed that Herr Nitz's selection was made in compliance with the wishes of Princess Hermine. His appointment, however, was made principally on the strength of his assurances that he could put Wilhelm back on the throne. It was these promises that won Princess Hermine to his support. As a result of his assurances, considerable financial resources were placed at his disposal by the former German Emperor.

Nothing to it. With the money received from the ex-Kaiser Herr Nitz proceeded to found an organization which he called "The Gardeners," the aim of which was to cover Germany with a network of restoration "cells," it is mentioned,

as an illustration of the monition with which the organization was founded, that an ex-Admiral who ran the Weimar branch drew a salary of \$500 a month for his services.

Not content with his purely organizational work, however, Herr Nitz endeavored to relieve his ex-royal employer of a part of the expense by means resembling the most vivid methods of high finance. To this end he dabbled in businesses of various kinds, mostly with disastrous results. Along this line Herr Nitz bought up a soap factory, in which his son-in-law had a share, and also financed one of the procession of discoverers of perpetual motion who have bobbed up since the end of the war.

However, it seems there must needs be an end to all pipe-dreams, and Herr Nitz has reached the end of his rope. A comment on his dismissal is interesting: "Herr Nitz's business management, with its political propaganda, has evidently so completely exhausted the ex-Kaiser's privy purse that he has now been got rid of."



George Meeker and Doris Hill in "A Thief in the Dark," Fox Picture, at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow.



Ricardo Cortez, William Haines, and Josephine Dunn in "Excess Baggage," at the Queen's Theatre, July 18-20.

Oil Magnate's Great-Grandchildren



Mathilde McCormick, granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, saw her native land for the first time in seven years when she arrived on the "Majestic" with her husband, Max Oser, and their two children. Oser, former Swiss riding master, is holding Annetta, five, while the mother has Peter, two. The children have never seen their famous great grandfather.

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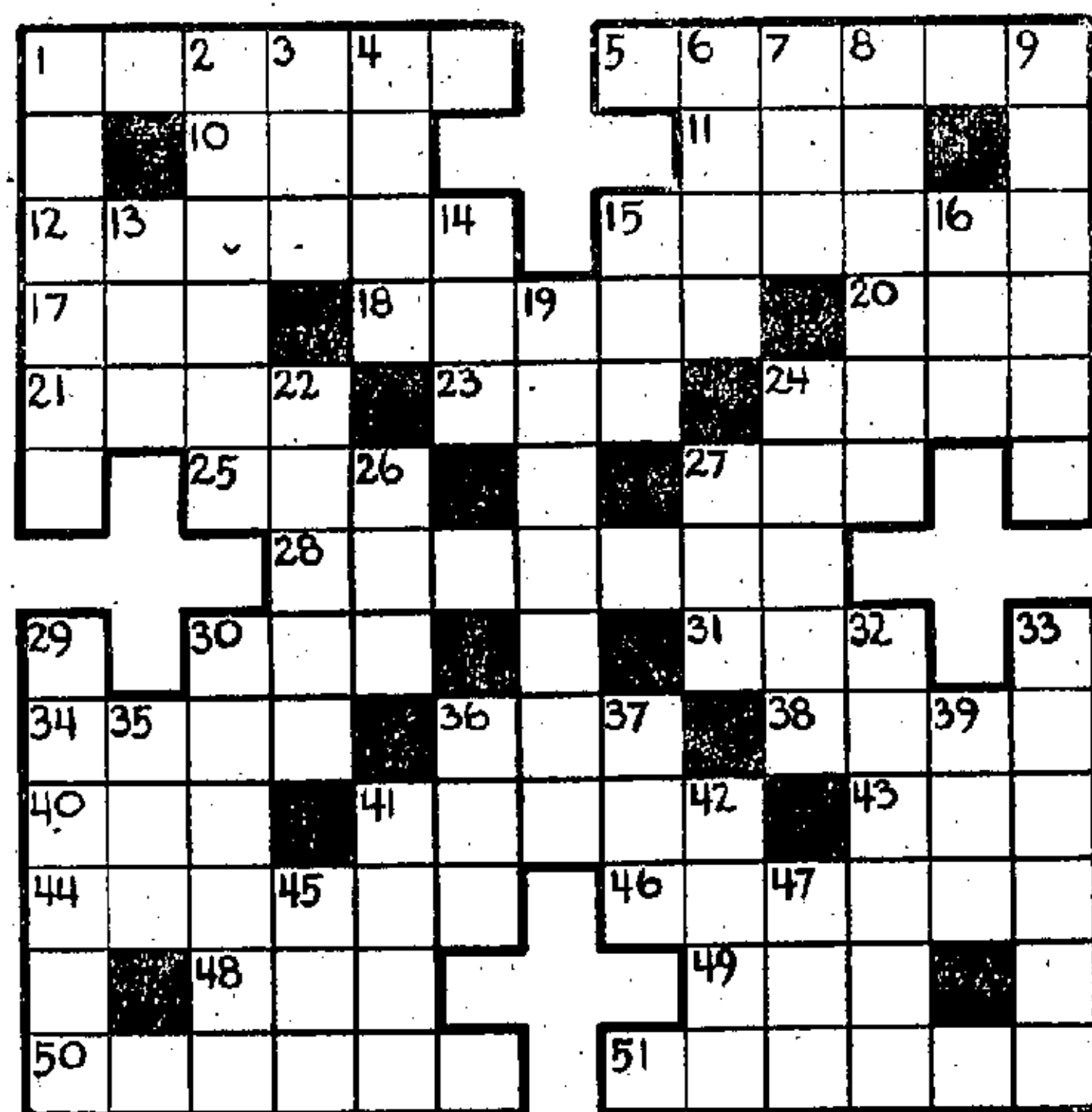
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- | | |
|---|--|
| HORIZONTAL
1—Ennams
5—Pelt
10—Goddess of the sea.
11—(Norse Myth)
12—Combining form.
13—Air
14—Idols
15—Here and there
16—Good (French)
17—Distant
18—To be drowsy
19—Any string
20—To turn to the right, said of draft animals
21—Boys name (short)
22—Consumption
23—Corrupt
24—Reclaim
25—Girl's name
26—End
27—Radicals
28—Insect
29—The black-thorn | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
30—Period of time
31—Currents
32—Skill
33—British admiral
34—Capital of Republic of Anhalt, Germany
35—Atom bearing an electric charge
36—Child's hat
37—Famous composer
38—Royal residence
VERTICAL
1—That may be eaten
2—Rapture
3—Torn piece of cloth
4—Once more
5—Organs of hearing
6—People (abbr.)
7—Trimmed, as fruit trees
8—To make red
9—Extinguish fire of
10—New Zealand
VERTICAL (Cont.)
11—To bend in the middle
12—Monkey
13—To no extent
14—Recall
15—Gain
16—Capital of France
17—Half a score
18—Wager
19—Soak
20—White powder used as a sedative
21—Protoplasm
22—Having a rounded end with a slight depression
23—Before
24—Purpose
25—Boy's name (short)
26—Girl's name
27—Degree of color
28—A coarse rigid hair
29—Turf
30—Salt (Latin) |
|---|--|

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

GIRL'S POSE

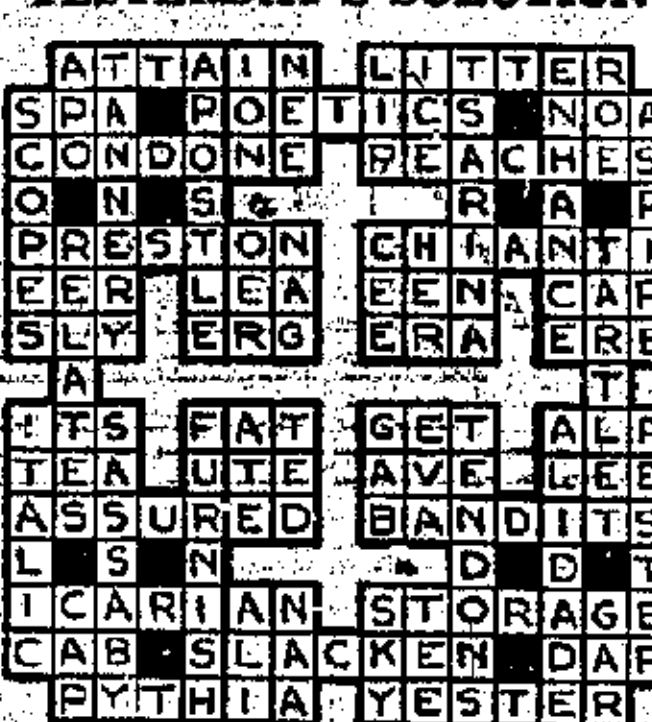
A MALE OFFENCE THAT WOMEN ESCAPE

In a case at Middlesex Sessions in mail week, Sir Montagu Sharpe, K.C., who presided, commented that it was an offence for a man to wear a woman's clothes; and the wearing of a man's clothes by a woman should be equally penalised.

The case was one in which Kathleen Lillian Keeping (18), servant, and Edward James (29), labourer, were charged with breaking and entering a house at Chiswick on March 25. It was stated that when arrested on a charge of drunkenness on April 3 the girl was found to be wearing a man's clothing.

The clothes were subsequently identified as part of the property stolen from the house. When Keeping appeared at the police court on the drunkenness charge

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



James was seen at the back of the court, also wearing clothing stolen from the house, and was arrested. A police officer mentioned that Keeping had worn a man's clothes on another occasion. She declined to say why she did so. "You must stop this nonsense," Sir Montagu Sharpe told Keeping. He sent the girl to Borstal for three years. James was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment.

RADIO & PICTURES

DIVERSE VIEWS OF PROFESSIONALS

THE CASE AGAINST OPERA

"Sooner or later the talking movies are going to finish opera, not only in America but all over the world." Mary Garden thus predicts the end of grand opera. The celebrated prima donna was talking to Miss Marjorie Dorman of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," and her published opinion has reverberated not only through the press of the United States but Great Britain as well.

Is opera doomed? This question is being asked and answered by many distinguished authorities in various ways. Dyneley Hussey has contributed to the "To-day and To-morrow" series (E. P. Dutton) a volume entitled "Eurydice: or The Future of Opera," in which he holds out some hope for opera-lovers, although he admits that "the case against opera is indeed a strong one." Few of the professional critics are as sweeping as Mary Garden in their predictions. The dynamic soprano of the Chicago Opera Company is convinced that the radio has killed the concert in America, and that grand opera will next be supplanted. Yet the change will bring with it increased popularity of good music.

Where Pictures Succeed

As quoted in "The Eagle," Miss Garden explains the new outlook: "The talkies are in their cradle, but things move fast in this country. It may be five years, it may be ten, but I think the end will come before that. The movies have everything now except colour and they will get that. Eventually sound pictures will be the one and only form of entertainment. I myself am simply mad about them."

"Sound pictures are going to be a wonderful thing for the American composer, who up to this time has had great difficulty in competing with old world composers. Now his day has dawned."

"No longer will people be content to sit as formerly for three hours' hearing people sing in a tongue they do not understand. English will be the language used in the operas put on by sound movies."

"There is a big tenor at the Metropolitan whom I have never liked. I found him wanting in several respects. But I heard him sing 'Cavalleria Rusticana' in the talkies and rose to my feet with the audience, applauding and shouting in my enthusiasm."

"What had happened? The instrument, that marvellous sound instrument, had brought him to me. He had no idea of what was in him—the instrument found it. It reveals the subconscious. In days to come only the honest artist can succeed as a singer. The man or woman who sings for his cheque is finished. This tenor was great in spite of himself. It took the instrument to record the man's real self."

New Musical Mind

Mr. Gordon Beckles, music critic of the "London Daily Express," has interviewed a number of British conductors and composers concerning the future of opera and the advent of a type of motion-picture which he called the "music." "What a magnificent writer of talkie operas Richard Wagner would have made!" exclaims Mr. Leslie Howard, former conductor of the Cape Town Symphony. Music, he added, must be prepared for the new day. As quoted in "The Daily Express":

"A whole new technique of musical composition has got to be evolved; it will be twice as hard as writing an opera for the stage. The producer will have to be a man of genius who, like Anthony Asquith, understands music."

"And the most far-reaching effects may lie ahead. An orchestra of fifteen may prove to be better than an orchestra of ninety. Again, the language question should not be such a handicap as it is in the case of the talking film."

"It may be far easier to fake a singing voice than to fake a talking voice—you can have a Siegfried with a face and figure like Rudolph Valentino and a voice in the wings like De Reszke."

To this opinion, Mr. Beckles adds his own:

"The spoken drama and orchestral music are said to be menaced by the advent of the sound film. 'But—as I have already said—it is a case of the magnetic theory of like poles opposing each other: the sound film being a hybrid growth, will do most damage to its companion hybrid—opera."

"And if, as the younger musicians are hoping, the 'music' comes into being, will there come with it some new kind of musical mind?"

In Defence of Opera

On the other hand, Dyneley Hussey boldly proclaims opera as an independent art-form with definite conventions of its own. These should be understood and appreciated. Opera can not be killed or superseded if it possesses an internal well-being. New developments in radio and sound pictures may indeed increase its longevity and rejuvenate true opera. The author of "Eurydice" defends opera in these terms:

"The charge brought against opera as a form is that it is a hybrid, a mixture of oil and vinegar, a spoiling of two good things. We are told that it cannot be a satisfying art-form in the sense that painting or poetry may be, because each of its elements must make concession to the other. The swiftness of the drama is impeded by the slowness of the music, which takes time to deploy its forces; while music has difficulty in carrying forward the dramatic action without itself becoming dull. There is a con-

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tinual struggle between the drama, which requires freedom for its development, and the music, which seeks to impose upon its partner the bonds of its own formality. It follows that the composer of opera is peculiarly liable to write music which is merely illustrative and formless, while the librettist may fall into the opposite snare of producing a stiffly symmetrical play whose characters are lifeless abstractions rather than living men and women."

"The case against opera is indeed a strong one. Yet it amounts to little more than that opera has certain limitations which both composer and poet must recognise. In this it differs in no way from the other arts. There are certain things you cannot do in painting. You may successfully represent the recession of a scene away from the spectator, but you cannot show him what is on the other side of a hill without doing so much violence to natural forms that your representation will fail to convince him."

NEW WAVE LENGTHS

The B.B.C. announces that new wave lengths as the result of the recent conference at Prague will come into force on June 30, says a mail week paper. The new list also gives the provisional re-allocation of wave lengths on the opening of London's regional transmitter at Brookman's Park for a second programme in a few months' time.

London's new wave length will be 355 against 353 at present, and the second programme from Brookman's Park will be transmitted on 261 metres.

Manchester goes from 378.3 to 479, Glasgow 401.1 to 377, and Davenport 568 482.3 to 399. There are other minor changes.

The London station for double wave working which it is hoped to open towards the end of the year will start first as a single wave station and later begin twin wave working.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

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ON 350 METRES

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcast Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

5.30-6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music, (records supplied through the courtesy of The Plesant).

7.48 p.m.—Evening weather report.

8 p.m.—Evening programme, (Columbia records supplied through the courtesy of Anderson Music Co., Ltd.)

"Pomp and Circumstances—March" (Marche Lorraine) (Ganne), The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Four Indian Love Lyrics" (A. W. Finden), Organ Solo, Pattman. "Mercenary Mary" Selection, The "1925" Orchestra.

"Song of Hybris the Cretan" (The Midnight Review), Bass, Robert Easton.

"The Five O'Clock Girl" Selection, Ray Starita & His Ambassador Band.

"Gee Whizz", "Rippling Streams", Sir Dan Godfrey & the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

"Show Boat" (Kern), Selection, Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.

"Finlandia" (Sibelius), Tone Poem, Sir Henry Wood & the New Queen's Hall Orchestra.

"Blue Eyes" (Kern), Selection, Piccadilly Theatre Orchestra.

"Do I Do Wrong?" "Blue Eyes", Duets—Evelyn Laye and Geoffrey Gwyther.

"Dance of the Tumbler", "Goliwog's Cake Walk", B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

"Indian Love Call", "Rose Marie", Duets—Derek Oldham and Edith Day.

"Everybody's Melodies", J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

"That's a Good Girl" (Charig & Meyer), Selection, Debroy Somers Band.

"The One I'm Looking For", "Fancy Our Meeting", Duets—Jack Buchanan & Elsie Randolph.

"Faust—Soldiers' Chorus", "Faust—La Kermesse" (Gounod), Chorus & Orchestra of the Theatrical National De l'Opera, Paris.

"No, No Nanette", Vocal Gems, Columbia Vocal Gems Chorus.

"Sanctuary of the Heart", Albert W. Ketebe's Concert Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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TUESDAY, JULY 16.	
Rabaul	Bremerhaven
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.	
Shanghai & Swatow	Soochow.
THURSDAY, JULY 18.	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 27th and 28th June)	Lahn
Straits and London, Parcels 6th June	Philoctetes
Australia and Manilla	Kaga Maru
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, 20th June, and Parcels 13th June)	Malwa
FRIDAY, JULY 19.	
Japan and Shanghai	Khiva

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
TUESDAY, JULY 16.	
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Andre Lebon (Due Marseilles, 17th August.)

K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration July 16, 1 p.m.	Registration July 17, 1.45 p.m.
Letters July 16, 1 p.m.	Letters July 17, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Chenonceaux 3 p.m.
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Manilla	New York 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 18.	
Holow & Bangkok	Chinhua 8.30 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Formosa via Swatow	Van Heutz 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Foochow	Luchow 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 19.	
Japan	Kaga Maru 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning 2 p.m.
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SATURDAY, JULY 20.	
Amoy	Kung Chow 5 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Namsang 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Hosang
	Parcels July 20, noon
	Letters July 20, 1 p.m.
Rabaul	Bremerhaven 8 p.m.

* Super-scribed correspondence only.

50 PERSONS BURIED IN DEBRIS

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TWO LARGE THREE-STORYED BUILDINGS COLLAPSE

THE RESCUE WORK

Montgomery, Alabama, Yesterday.
Over 50 persons, it is believed are buried in the debris of two large three-storyed business premises, which have suddenly collapsed.

Bodies Being Recovered
It is suspected the collapse was due to the excavations next door in preparation of a new building. Most of the buried are probably women and girls. Two bodies of negroes have been brought out. The rescuers plainly saw two white women among the tons of masonry and timber.

Frequent Collapses
Montgomery, later. The collapsed buildings were among the oldest in the business district.

There have been frequent collapses within recent years in the same part of the city. Some were killed only a fortnight ago through the wall of a garage collapsing.—
Reuter's American Service.

CONSPIRACY TRIAL

SIXTEEN PRISONERS IN SYMPATHY

HUNGER-STRIKE TACTICS

Lahore, Yesterday.

The conspiracy trial here was abruptly adjourned when it was found that the hunger-striker Dutt had a high temperature and could not be moved into the Court. Dutt declined to be represented by counsel in his absence.

Bagat Singh, who is also hunger-striking, told counsel that he and Dutt refused the special diet permitted.

Fourteen other prisoners have now been on hunger-strike for three days, in sympathy with Dutt and Bagat Singh.—Reuter.

IN AFGHANISTAN

ALI AHMED JHAN'S BRIEF RULE

HABIBULLAH ACTS

Peshawar, Yesterday.
Afghan circles confirm the rumour of the execution of Ali Ahmed Jhan for refusing to signify his allegiance to Habibullah.

Ali Ahmed Jhan had a brief rule as King of Jalalabad during the troubles following Amanullah's abdication.—Reuter.

NEW CARDINAL

Vatican City, Yesterday.
The Pope has created the Benedictine Archbishop Schuster, the new Archbishop of Milan, a Cardinal.—Reuter.

Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, the ex-vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of the Chinese Government, who has been making a pleasure tour in Siam, Saigon, the F.M.S. and the S.S., was in Singapore recently, and after three days stay, returned to Canton owing to the illness of his mother.

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EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IN CANTON?

SEQUEL TO AN EXPLOSION

Canton, Yesterday.
The Canton authorities are to pay attention to enlisted men of the Canton Army who were wounded in the late Kwangtung-Kwangsi War. It is most likely that an emergency hospital will be opened. There used to be an emergency hospital located at the Eighth Bannermen's Hall, on the Bund, Canton, within the ammunition store; but since the explosion and the destruction of the compound several weeks ago, the poor wounded have been without a place of refuge.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

FAIR GENERALLY

This morning's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:

Pressure is highest in the Pacific to the east of Japan. The typhoon is situated about 300 miles N.E. of Manila, moving N.W. or W.N.W.

Forecast:—E. winds, moderate; fair generally.

The American Consulate General has received the following:

July 16, 11 a.m.—Typhoon in about 126 degrees Long. E. and 19 degrees Lat. N. including northward.

July 16, 11 a.m.—Typhoon in about 126 degrees Long. E. and 15 degrees Lat. N., moving W.N.W.

COTTON WAGES

SUGGESTION OF A JOINT ENQUIRY

London, Yesterday.

The "Times" suggests that the cotton employers and operatives should hold a joint enquiry with a view to discovering the facts bearing on their respective contentions in regard to the necessity or unjustification for reducing wages.—Reuter.

COL. LINDBERGH

MAKES FIRST HOP FOR NEW AIR LINE

Glendale, Cal., July 8.
Colonel Lindbergh left here at 8.50 this morning, piloting a twelve-passenger aeroplane, bound for Clovis, New Mexico, making the opening of the eastward flight over the new Transcontinental Air Transport lines.

The plane carried nine, including Lindbergh and his bride. At Clovis the passengers will transfer to a passenger train while, tomorrow, Lindy will bring back the first passengers travelling westward by the new air-route.

This marks the inauguration of a new combined air and rail transportation route across the continent.—Associated Press.

500 CASUALTIES IN ARMENIA

TREBIZOND FLOODS

30 VILLAGES SUBMERGED: PROPERTY DESTROYED

TORRENTIAL RAINS

Constantinople, Yesterday.
Disastrous floods in the Trebizond district have been caused by torrential rains. Thirty villages are submerged and many mosques, schools, and houses have been destroyed by a landslide.

The death toll is estimated at 500.—Reuter.

BRITAIN & RUSSIA

SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE INVITED TO LONDON

COMMONS TO BE CONSULTED

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day Mr. A. Henderson (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs) announced that an invitation for a responsible representative of the Soviet Government to visit London, to discuss the most expeditious procedure for reaching a settlement of outstanding questions, had been sent to the Soviet Government, through the Norwegian Government.—Reuter.

MUST BE DEBATED

Answering subsequent questions, the Prime Minister said the Government would submit an appropriate paper regarding the resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government as soon as possible. He added: "Any conclusion that His Majesty's Government may come to regarding recognition cannot become effective until it has been debated in the House.—British Wireless Service.

CHINA'S RAILWAYS

U.S. TECHNICAL EXPERTS COMING

Nanking, Yesterday.

Mr. Mantell, the American Adviser to the Railway Ministry, has recommended the appointment of a number of technical American railwaymen to help to organise China's railways on modern lines, namely, a master mechanic for maintenance, an engineer for transportation, an expert on goods tariff, expert auditors, and travelling firemen under the charge of an American well versed in different departments of railway organisation. Mr. Sun Fo has approved of these appointments.—Reuter.

"UNTIN BOWLER"

PLANE LOST: CREW SAFE

Ottawa, Yesterday.

The aeroplane "Untin Bowler" has been lost near Port Burwell. It drifted from its moorings out to sea among the icebergs. The crew are safe.—Reuter.

[This is the plane that left America recently for Europe via Greenland.]

DOLLAR COMPANY

TO FINANCE RADIO TO FAR EAST

San Francisco, July 8.

The Dollar Steamship officials confirm the news that the Company will finance the construction of a short-wave radio station in Shanghai to be used jointly by the National Government of China and the Dollar interests.—Associated Press.

FAMOUS POET

DIES AFTER HIS SON'S FUNERAL

Vienna, Yesterday.

Hugo Von Hoffmansthal, the famous poet and librettist of Richard Strauss's operas, died suddenly after the funeral of his son Franz, who committed suicide on July 13.—Reuter.

Mr. T. C. Stuart, formerly of Nova Scotia Estate, of the Straits Rubber Co., Ltd., who returned by the "Khiva" with Mrs. Stuart, has been posted to Gedong Estate, Iseng Division, belonging to the same company.

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